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DERNA CAPTURED EIGHT DAYS AFTER FALL OF TOBRUK: ARMY OF NILE PUSHING ACROSS DESERT ON TO BENGHAZI

Surprising Turn In North African Offensive

GENERAL WAVELL'S FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE LIBYAN PORT OF DERNA, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

This was announced in an official communiqué published in Cairo which laconically stated: "The capture of Derna was completed this morning."

The communiqué from Cairo also mentioned the situation on the other African fronts as follows:

ERITREA: Concentrations of our forces are proceeding smoothly in spite of difficulties which have been overcome.

ABYSSINIA: Intensive patrolling continues.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND: Advance patrol activities are continuing unabated.

The capture of Derna was achieved only eight days after the fall of TOBRUK. There are no indications yet of the number of prisoners taken or the quantity of war materials seized.

The British offensive in North Africa has taken a new, and surprising turn, states a London message.

General Wavell's Army of the Nile is pushing across the desert towards BENGHAZI, the second largest town in Libya. Detached forces are

taking the short cut across the bulge on the coastline and are meeting with some opposition from Italian concentrations of considerable strength including about 80 tanks.

Australian troops have been sent to deal with MAKELE, a fortified

post south of Derna, which it is believed, will fall in a few days.

For the first time Italian fighters and bombers are being used in an attempt to stem the British advance. In an air fight, four Hurricanes shot down three Italian planes and another machine of a new type.

A few miles south-east of Derna fourteen Italian planes were found damaged as the result of a raid by the R.A.F.

The successes in Libya have been so great that some of the forces which fought in Sidi Barrani are now in Eritrea. Tobruk, which was captured last week, is already serving as a base for our forces. Seventeen Italian ships are lying in the harbour. The Italians left large quantities of munitions, petrol and medical stocks.

STRONG PATROLS

Meanwhile, strong patrols from Kenya are operating at many points inside Italian Somaliland where the relentless pressure of British air power is backing up the offensive.

It is added that the arrival of German planes in the Mediterranean has made a difference to the strategic situation in North Africa.

The Germans have their eye on Gibraltar.

S.A. PLANES ACTIVE

South African planes were reported to have dropped bombs on Saigon yesterday.

The British are also stated to have found eleven disabled Italian planes at the Italian aerodrome in Massawa.

According to a report from the R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, only

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When mechanised material and troops of the British forces arrived in Greece they received a remarkably warm welcome from the inhabitants. The picture shows an historic moment, when General Sir Archibald Wavell, the commanding officer of the British Forces in the Near East, landed for the first time on Greek soil

Britain Still Main War Front

GERMANY MUST GET MILITARY DECISION THIS YEAR

BRITAIN IS STILL THE MAIN WAR FRONT AND GERMANY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN A MILITARY DECISION THIS YEAR, is the view officially expressed in London, according to a message from the British capital.

Lord Delaware, Assistant Commissioner of South-East England, in a statement, warned the people that if invasion came it would be on such a scale that no part of the country would be unaffected.

That was why every town and village was ready to do its task in meeting and repulsing the enemy.

From America it is reported that Mr. Henry Stimson, U.S. Secretary for War, has expressed the view that ultimate British victory is certain.

An attack on Britain early in February is expected by competent

observers at Vichy, says the NEW YORK TIMES' correspondent in Vichy, according to Reuter.

He says the currents and tides in the Channel are more favourable than at any other time of the year.

Travellers arriving in unoccupied France from Holland and Belgium, he says, confirm reports of intensive preparations of all kinds.

He adds that there is much talk of new engines of war, both for use in the air and on the ground.

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Today's News Summary

HITLER GAVE VOICE TO HIS USUAL TIRADE on democracy when he spoke to the German people in Berlin yesterday on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the Nazi regime. He warned America that any attempt at intervention in the conflict would be resisted by Europe.

DERNA, THE LIBYAN PORT HAS BEEN CAPTURED eight days after the fall of Tobruk and General Wavell's Army of the Nile is now pushing across the desert on to Bengazi. Italian bombers and fighters were used for the first time in an attempt to stem the British advance.

THE ITALIAN TACTICS OF LAUNCHING FIERCE counter-attacks in Albania have failed and General Cavallero is now waiting for reinforcements to replace heavy losses. Up to the present the Greeks have captured 16,000 prisoners.

HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH Indo-China are reported to have ceased except for minor clashes in certain sectors. Armistice negotiations are being conducted aboard a Japanese warship. Thai casualties are said to be insignificant when compared to the British losses which, however, are not given.

WILHELMSHAVEN HAS BEEN RAIDED FOR the 42nd time since the war began.

NEW PUISNE JUDGE FOR COLONY

MR. P. E. F. CRESSALL, M.C., President of the District Court in Jaffa, Palestine, has been appointed as Puisne Judge, Hongkong, in succession to the late Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

The appointment has been approved by His Majesty the King, states an official notification by the Secretary of State for the Colonies contained in a Press communiqué issued by the Colonial Secretariat, Hongkong, yesterday evening.

It is added that leave for Mr. Cressall to South Africa, en route for Hongkong, is under consideration.

Mr. E. H. Williams has been Acting Puisne Judge since the late Mr. Lindsell went on leave. Mr. Lindsell died in South Africa towards the end of last year.

GERMAN GUNS IN ACTION

German long-range guns, firing from the French coast, went into action on Wednesday night and early yesterday just before day-break, states a London message.

Reuter adds that Hitler was given a prolonged ovation.

Hitler, earlier in his speech, said that American scholars, entrusted by President Roosevelt with the tasks of examining the causes of

HITLER WARNS AMERICA: EUROPE WILL RESIST AN INTERVENTION ATTEMPT

"Whoever wants to help Britain must remember that every ship that comes near our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed."

"IF AMERICA IS THINKING OF INTERVENING IN THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT OUR AIM WILL BE CHANGED AT ONCE. Europe will resist such an attempt."

Thus declared HERR HITLER in his speech to the German nation yesterday on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the Nazi regime.

The German Fuehrer spoke in the Berlin Sport Palast, states a London message.

The main subject of his speech was democracy, the idea of which he dismissed with his usual scorn.

Hitler was specially contemptuous of the former German idea of democracy. German democracy, he said, was a miserable conception and National Socialism had conquered democracy.

GOEBBELS' ADDRESS

At the meeting, Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, who was there with the Chiefs of Staff of the German Army, Navy and Air Force, addressing Hitler said, "We know that difficult weeks and months are ahead of us but you, my Fuehrer, can rely on the German people."

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SIXTEEN THOUSAND ITALIANS CAPTURED IN ALBANIA WAR

Papagos Message Of "Carry On" To The Greek Fighting Forces

THE GREEKS HAVE CAPTURED 16,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS IN THE WAR IN ALBANIA, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The latest Greek communiqué is contained in three words, "Restricted local operations." Italian tactics of fierce counter-attacks have definitely failed and General Cavallero is waiting for reinforcements to replace heavy losses.

Two more Italian planes were shot down by the Greek air force and one by a British fighter.

GENERAL PAPAGOS, in an order of the day, on the death of General Metaxas, to the Greek Army, stated "Carry on with the same iron will and inflexible efforts for the defence of the liberty and integrity of this dear country. The only thought to guide us is everyone for the war until final victory is won."

The body of General Metaxas is lying in state and the funeral will probably take place today (Friday).

MESSAGE TO FORCES

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—M. Koryzis, the new Greek Prime Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

Japan's Condition For Mediating

USE OF CERTAIN CAMBODIA PORTS FOR HER FLEET

A report which reached London from Vichy and which was given in a message from Sydney yesterday stated that JAPAN'S condition for mediating in the truce between INDO-CHINA and THAILAND was that her Fleet would be allowed to use certain ports in CAMBODIA.

Vichy's answer to this has been to ask for a further explanation of this demand.

Armistice negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China began at 6 p.m. yesterday aboard a Japanese warship off Saigon, says a Saigon dispatch to the Domel Agency, according to Reuter.

Following a brief speech by Major-General Ralshiro Sumita, Chief of the Japanese military mission and Chairman of the Japanese delegation to the talks, the delegations had half-an-hour's exchange of views and adjourned.

It is expected in Tokyo that frontier demarcation will be discussed but the first question is likely to be Thailand's troops now in Indo-China.

MINOR CLASHES REPORTED

BANGKOK, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—Barring a few minor clashes in a few sectors hostilities have now ceased, according to a Thai High Command communiqué issued today.

The Thai truce commission which left for Saigon yesterday afternoon numbers eight. Led by the chief Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

SOCCER REVIEW

GOOD FARE PROVIDED IN CHARITY MATCHES

Weak Navy Attack: O'Regan And Roughley To Fore

BY "PILAT"

Though local soccer fans were robbed of the pleasure of witnessing an Interport match over the Chinese New Year holidays, good fare was provided by the charity games that were arranged.

Indications that the CHINESE will have a clean sweep again this year did not come true as, on Monday, the strong Chinese eleven suffered their second major defeat of the season at the hands of ARMY in the LAI WAH CUP series. It will be recalled that CHINA Herald International Charity Cup was eliminated from the Sunday Lai Wah Cup series by SCOTLAND on Christmas Day by the odd goal in eleven.

On Tuesday, however, South China regained what prestige that had been lost by convincingly defeating Royal Navy in the Kotewall Cup competition, by three goals to one. Incidentally, in doing so South China, once again, demonstrated that, despite the fact that they have only four or five of last season's championship-winning line-up, they are still the premier local soccer club.

This defeat must have been a hard pill for the Navy to swallow in that it followed closely their defeat two days previous in the Lai Cup by the Civilians. It must be stated in fairness to the Senior Service that they were forced to make three changes in their line-up. They had to bring in junior players to fill in the gaps and this did not help matters as, in all three cases, these players were found wanting though they never stopped trying.

WEAK ATTACK

The Navy men were weak in attack and in the middle where Hazard was the only one who could be said to be up to standard. The Chinese, on the other hand, were strong in every department—as good in attack as in defence. That the Chinese did not win by a bigger margin Navy had Robinson, Roughley and O'Regan to thank. These players were ever a thorn in the Chinese attack and constantly came to the rescue when the Chinese looked like putting in another goal.

Another factor that directly brought about the failure of the Navy attack was the lack of cohesion between the halves and forwards who had to go back to forge for the ball.

The Chinese forwards were in fine fettle, every player putting in his share of work. Lee Tak-kee was seen in many fine dashes down the wing but these would have come to a better end if he had not tried too many long range shots himself. Lee Wai-tong's scheming was very much to the fore and he crowned a good afternoon's work with a "hat-trick."

LAI WAH CUP

Good football was seen in both of the Lai Wah Cup semi-finals as the result of which Army will meet Civilians in the final.

A great contribution—and a pleasing feature too—to Army's achievement in defeating the Chinese was the fine displays by Army junior players, three of whom were being given their first chance. Birrell, at right-half, was very sound despite the fact that he had the elusive Hau Ching-to to look after. Owens and Duffield were seen to good advantage, on the wings while Weir fitted in well into the attack.

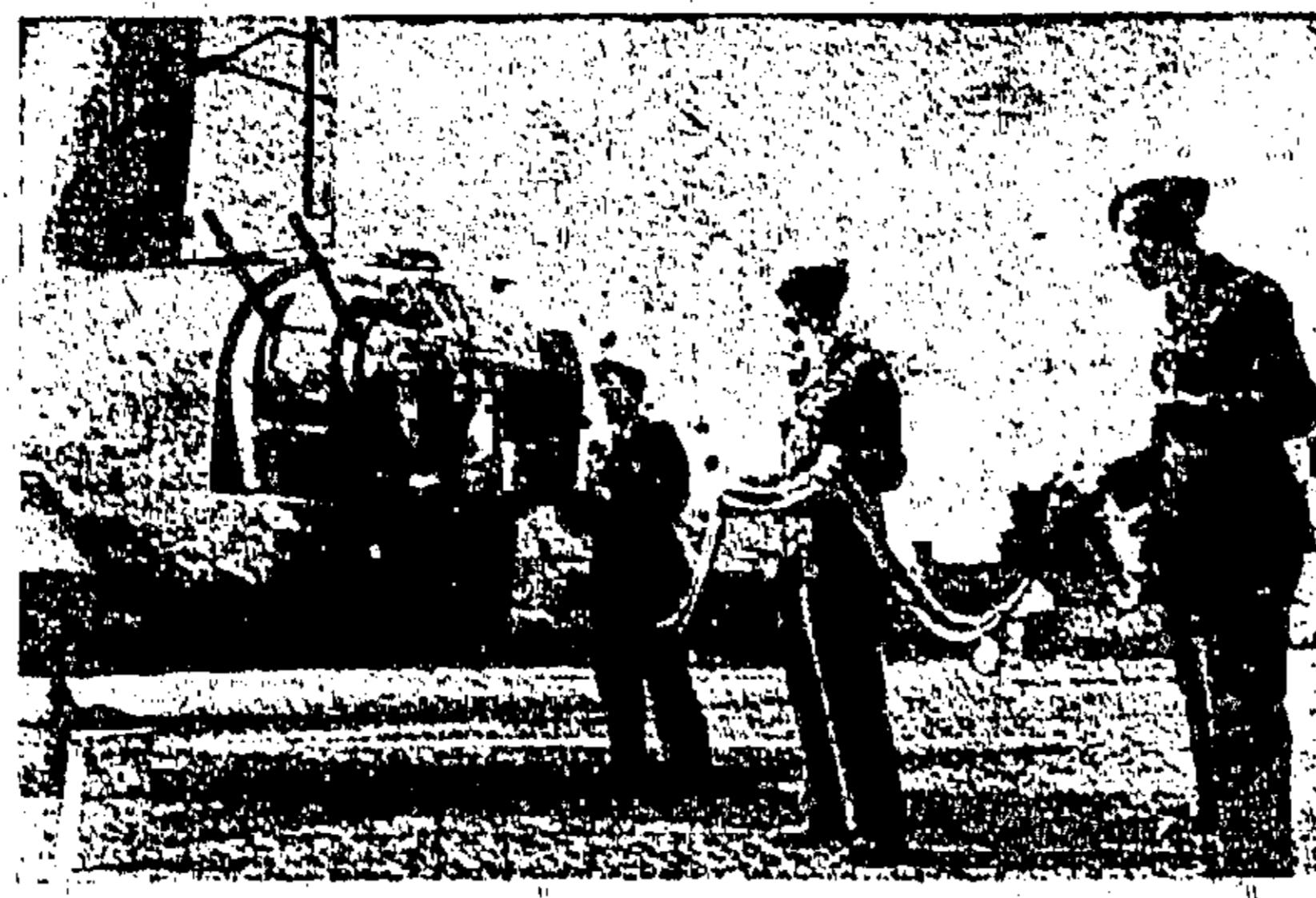
The strongest department in the Army team was the intermediate line whose fine spelling work and fast tackling methods had the Chinese forwards so disconcerted that they were given little time to settle down to their usual type of game. The two wingers were not so much in the picture, especially after Chung Yung-sum received a slight injury, and did not prove as such a great asset as previously.

On the run of play Army thoroughly deserved to win, matching the Chinese man to man; even their front line eclipsed their opposite number with some really brilliantly conceived movements. Fox, the leader, was rather selfish but redeemed matters by netting a grand "hat-trick" during extra time to give Army victory.

FOWLER'S SHOOTING

In the other semi-final in the Lai Wah Cup Civilians defeated Navy more easily than was thought. This was made possible by the fine shooting form shown by Fred Fowler who netted four times for his side, Civilians eventually winning by 4-1.

The forwards were again Navy's failure. Against the bold front put up by the Civilians' defence, Navy's forwards came a cropper. Hendy and Le Page tried hard to



Refilling a British fighter in the desert.

STORY OF MERCY DASH TO SAVE LIFE OF MISSIONARY

An all-night ride over the perilous mountain roads between Baguio and Lubuagan to perform an emergency operation by the light of flashlights recently saved the life of the Rev. E. J. Nagel, it was revealed recently to the Manila Bulletin by the Rev. Carl M. Eschbach of Baguio.

Eschbach received a telegram of the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Witmer, because the patient could not be moved to the operating room of the local hospital. An operating table was borrowed from the hospital, and Eschbach says "the walls of the room were thoroughly cleaned, clean linens were placed at the windows and at the doorway, and in a very short time the dining room became a very presentable operating room."

READY TO START

Hurrying down the Naguilian road to San Fernando, Eschbach enlisted the services of Dr. M. T. Viduya, director of Bethany Hospital in the La Union capital. Said the Baguio Evangelical minister: "By eight o'clock we were ready to start from San Fernando for the trip to Lubuagan by way of Cervantes and Bontoc. Our party consisted of Dr. Viduya and his wife, Miss Marcela Cabrales, Dr. H. W. Widdees, and a driver.

"We carried all necessary materials for the operation we thought would be needed. We travelled all night, stopping frequently along the road to allow some members of the party to recover from the seasickness which rapid travel over mountain roads frequently produced."

IMMEDIATE AID

When they arrived at Lubuagan, at 7 o'clock the next morning, the mission was preparing to send a second telegram urging immediate aid, for the Rev. Nagel was suffering from another severe attack.

Dr. Leon Dily, the Kalinga health officer, had given the case his closest attention but could do little without equipment.

Continuing the story. "After consultation it was decided to hold the operation in the dining room to recuperate."

DRAMATIC SAVING

Eschbach gives credit to the co-operation of everyone in Lubuagan for the dramatic saving of the Rev. Nagel's life. "The local doctor, Dr. Dily, the staff of the Lubuagan hospital and townspeople did their part," he said.

"The Belgian sisters supplied certain needed medicines, while most of the equipment came from Bethany hospital."

Lawn Bowls

K.C.C. TO MEET VOLUNTEERS

Following are the teams for the friendly bowls match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteer Sergeants Mess on Sunday at 2:45 p.m.

K.C.C.—R. S. Capell, S. A. Gray, R. Wellwood, J. Fraser (skip); R. T. Brown, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Lebrum (skip); A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons (skip); F. A. Broadbridge, A. N. Other, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar (skip); D. Glover, R. T. Burch, F. C. Curtis, G. E. Taylor (skip).

Sergeants Mess—C. S. M. Bassett, C. Q. M. S. Spary, Sgt. Carr, Sgt. Rakusen (skip); Sgt. Zimmerman, Sgt. Baptista, Sgt. Steven, Sgt. Sheriff (skip); Sgt. Geal, P/Major Mackie, Sgt. Lockhart, C. Q. M. S. Flincher (skip); Sgt. Remedios, B. S. M. Rose, Sgt. Hyde, Sgt. Meyer (skip); Sgt. Skinner, C. Q. M. S. Butler, B. S. M. Walker, C. Q. M. S. Silva (skip).

UNITED SERVICES ANNUAL GOLF MEETING

Lowest score at Fanling in the United Services annual golf meeting yesterday was returned by Major R. C. Giles, R.M., with a card of 77 over 18 holes on the New Course.

Prize-winners were:

Eighteen holes medal play from scratch—Old Course, Major R. C. Giles, R.M.; New Course, 2/Lieut. J. D. Clague, R.A.

Medal play handicap—Old Course, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Smith, Dental Corps; New Course, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, R.L.A.S.C.

Bogey Stableford competition—Old Course, Capt. J. G. Whittaker, R.A.; New Course, Major E. J. Curran, R.A.M.C.

SOCCER WIN FOR SAPPERS

In a League football game in the Second Division Royal Engineers defeated Royal Scots by two goals to one at Sookunpoo yesterday. Engineers thus retained their undefeated record, the only team in all divisions.

A meeting of the Hockey Umpires' Association will be held today at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are invited to attend.

ARMY RUGGER TEAM TO MEET POLICE

The following will represent the Army v. Police in the second round of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament at the Police ground tomorrow, kick-off at 4:15 p.m.

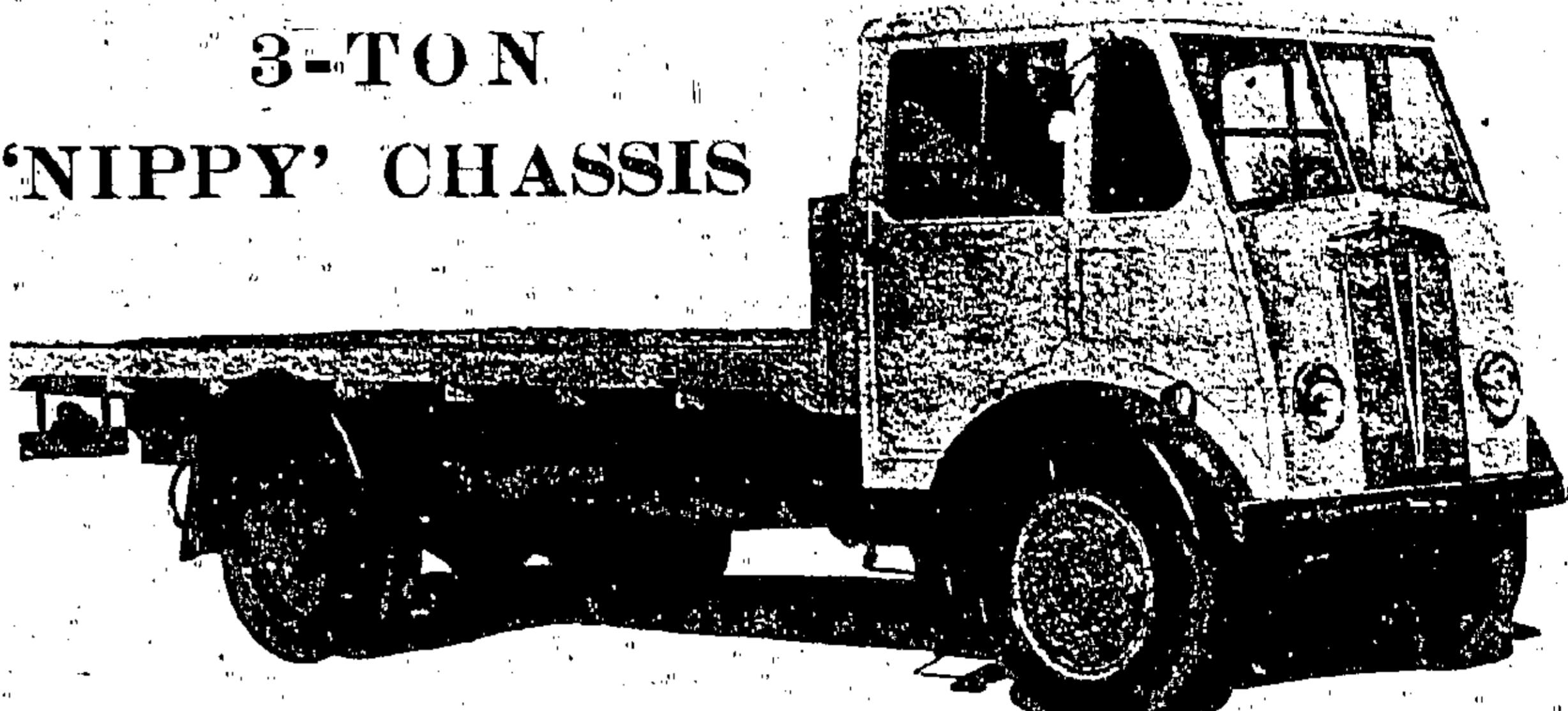
L/Cpl. Picton; Bdr. Richards, Capt. Hook, Capt. Douglass, Pte. MacDonald; Lieut. Coombes, 2/Lt. Wedderburn, Cpl. Sutherland, 2/Lt. Ford, 2/Lt. Bonpas, 2/Lt. Heath, 2/Lt. Millar, 2/Lt. Pinkerton, Capt. Duke, Bdg. Gillam. Reserves: L/Cpl. Foley, Pte. Berry, 2/Lt. Edison, Capt. Barclay, 2/Lt. Marsh.

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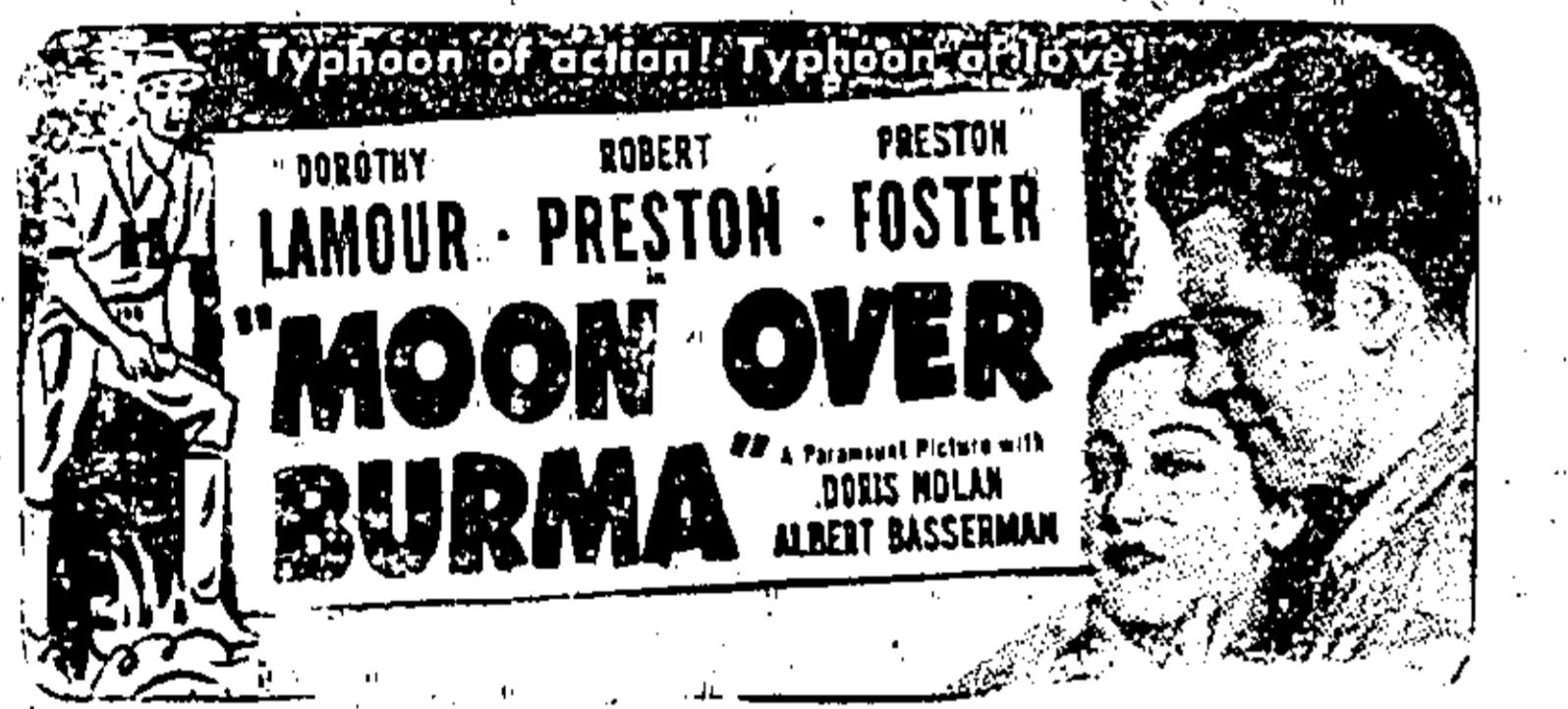
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Variety Requests

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22.

1st Mov. Andante sostenuto; 2nd Mov. Allegro scherzando; 3rd Mov. Presto—Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Haw-Haw; Little Boy Bubbles; Fox-Trot—We'll Meet Again; Waltz—Somewhere in France with You; Down South (Myddleton, arr. Tabbush); Watermelon Fete (Thurber). Fox-Trots—Moon or No Moon (film "Gangway"); Gangway (from the film). Fox-Trot—Lord and Lady Whoopoo (film "Gangway").

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"The Pirates of Penzance"; What Shall I Do?—Derek Oldham; Climbing Over Rocky Mountain—Nellie Briercliffe, Nelle Walker & Chorus of Girls. Stop, Ladies, Pray—Nellie Briercliffe, Nelle Walker, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls. Oh! Is There Not One Maiden Breast—Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls. "The Yeomen of the Guard"; A Man Who Would Woo a Fair Maid—Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson & Nellie Briercliffe. When a Woocer Goes A-Wooing—Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, Derek Oldham and George Baker. Rapture! Rapture!—Dorothy Gill, and Peter Dawson. "Iolanthe"; Oh, Shameless One. Tremble—Winifred Lawson, Leslie Rands Derek Oldham, George Baker, Darrell Fancourt and Male Chorus. Soon As We May—Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt, George Baker and Chorus. 2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Malcolm McEachern (Bass) & the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

The Friendly Rivals (Gudfrey); March Espana (Chabrier, arr. Hughes)—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. In Praise of Ale (Sharp); Gentlemen, Good-Night (Lockton and Longstaffe)—Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Piano. The Turkish Patrol (Michaelis); The Smitty Ir The Wood (Michaelis)—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. I Am Chu Chin Chow; Oi! Oi! (from "Chu Chin Chow"—Norton)—Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Orchestra. Naval March (Specially Arranged); Military March (Specially Arranged)—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Belay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—The Morning After (from "Hands Across the Table"); Fox-Trot—Sugar Plum (film "Thanks a Million"); Quickstep—There's No Time Like The Present; Fox-Trot—Just Little Bits and Pieces (both from "Music Hath Charms"). Tango—Beside My Caravan; Waltz—One Life, One Love. Comedy Fox-Trots—I Laughed So Hard I Nearly Died I'm Nuts On Screwy Music. Fox-Trot—I Breathed On Windows 'From Over She Goes'.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Request Variety Programme.

Slow Fox-Trot—Little Curly Hair In A High Chair (from "Ferty Little Mothers")—Billy Cotton and His Band. Humorous—Is 'E An Aussie, Lizzie, Is 'E? — Mr. Flotsam and Mr. Jetsam with Piano. Rumba—Mario La O—Lecuona Cuban Boys. Humorous—Hello Ma!—Mr. Jetsam (Vocal) with Mr. Flotsam at the Piano. Planos—Spanish Quickstep Medley—The Keyboards with Drums. Vocal—I Can Give You The Starlight (from "The Dancing Years")—Mary Ellis with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair—Billy Cotton and His Band. Comedian—Sonny Boy—Vocal Burlesque (Jolson and Others)—Jerry Colonna with Fud and His Fuddy Bears. Quickstep—I'm Just Wild About Harry—Harry Roy's Tigrer-Ragamuffins. Vocal—I Concentrate on You (film "Broadway Melody of 1940")—Mary Healy with Orchestra. Waltz—Waltz of My Heart (from "The Dancing Years"—Novello)—New Mayfair Orchestra. Vocal—Between You and Me (film "Broadway Melody of 1940")—Mary Healy with Orchestra. Waltz—The Leap Year Waltz (from "The Dancing Years"—Novello)—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Comedians—Big and Blunker Mindzine.

COMING EVENTS

JAN

31—Tides: High 12.38 p.m. and 11.42 p.m. Low 5.48 a.m. and 5.23 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.11 p.m. Ladies' Workline Party (E.W.O.P.), Govt. Workline, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Kowloon C.C. Extraordinary General Mtg., 6.30 p.m.

Calms against Sander. Wieler and Co. (in liquidation) due. Entries close for Junior Chess Championship.

Entries close for Trinity College of Music (Theoretical) Examinations.

St. David's Society of H.K. Annual Meeting, Room 510, Fifth Floor, Windsor House, 5.30 p.m.

C.E. Warren & Co., Ltd., Meeting of Creditors, St. George's Building, 12.15 p.m.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table-tennis.

St. Anthony's Church, West Point Solemn Mass for Salazar Co-operators and devotees of St. John Bosco 9.30 a.m.

War Fund Ball at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, P.W.D. Office, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m. St. John's Place.

Students' Charity Bazaar, Wah Klu School, 17, Castle Road, 11 a.m.

Annual Meeting of V.D.M.A. (Christ Church Branch), 6 p.m.

FEB.

1—Tides: High 1.07 p.m. Low 6.21 a.m. and 6.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.12 p.m. "Funfity" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 3.15 p.m.

Annual Supper Dance, La Salle Old Boys' Assn., Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Students' Charity Bazaar, Wah Klu School, 17, Castle Road, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary

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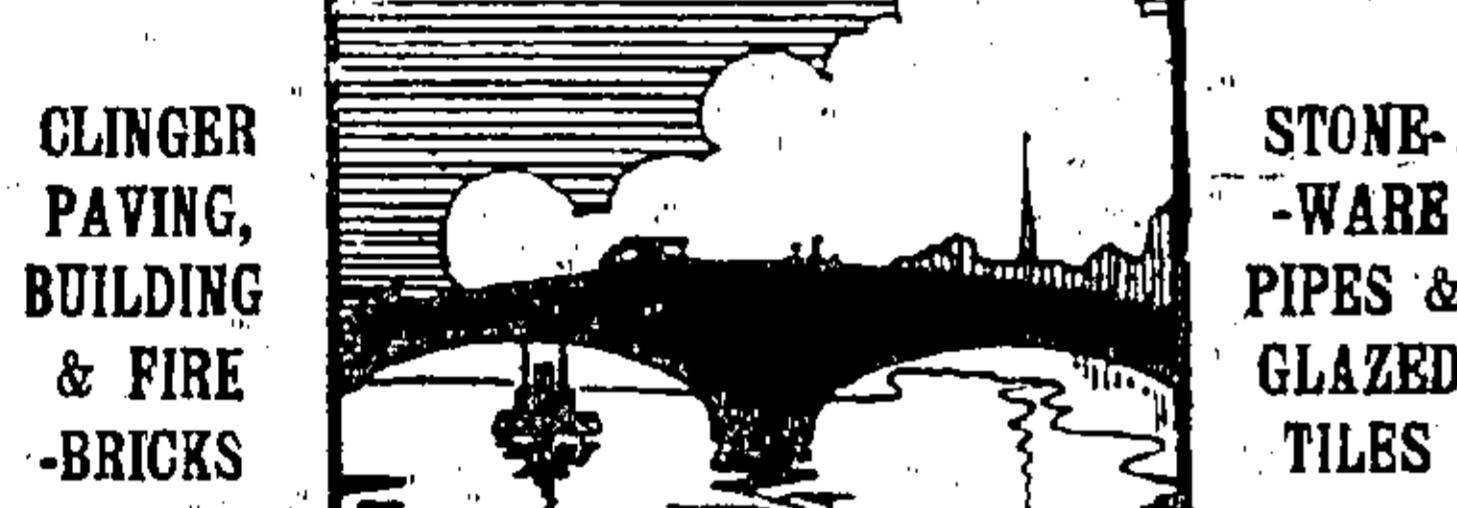
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Willkie At T.U.C. Confab On Mobilisation Of Labour

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—After dining with the entire British Cabinet at a reception given by the Minister for Aircraft Production (Lord Beaverbrook), Mr. Wendell Willkie started the third day of his whirlwind inspection of London at war with undiminished energy.

DERNA GARRISON SURROUNDED

BRITISH ARTILLERY POUNDING SEAPORT

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—It is learned in authoritative circles that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of the two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good supply of water at Tobruk and there are also large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not the time to destroy.

With the air resounding to the thunder of artillery, the British Imperial troops drawn up round Derna are sending out extensive patrols to probe the position of the Italians defending this small Libyan seaport.

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE

The recent raid into Italian Libya, by the Free French forces, is the subject of a communiqué issued by General de Gaulle's headquarters.

The communiqué states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larminat, carried out a deep raid into Libya in the region of Fezzan. Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Murzak, and carried the post at Gatrur, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material. Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communiqué adds that General de Gaulle has conferred with the Cross de l'Ordre de la Libération posthumously upon Lieut.-Col. Dornano, commander of the detachment, who was killed at Murzak.

NIGHT AIR WAR LULL BROKEN

Fire Bombs Showered On Metropolis

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—The 10 days' lull in the night air war over London was broken by an early alert last night shortly after which heavy gunfire was heard in the central districts.

The raid was over before midnight.

Incendiaries were showered on several parts but everywhere fire watchers were ready to deal with them.

Elsewhere in the country activity was again slight.

DOVER SHELLED

The night was also marked by shell-fire from German long-range guns across the Channel. A number of shells fell on Dover at irregular intervals but no casualties were so far reported.

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—Hitler and Petain may meet again shortly, according to the Ankara radio, which declared last night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

TRIBUTE TO METAXAS

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—A tribute to General Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," King George said, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs."

VICTORY FIRST

"Victory First" is the watchword of the new Greek Government set forth in a Proclamation issued last night.

The Proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."

NAZI ARMY OF OCCUPATION

DUTCH TO PAY FOR COST OF UPKEEP

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—The threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German Army of Occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of 500,000,000 guilder four per cent ten year loan to which the Dutch are being asked "to subscribe in order to finance the increased state expenditure, due to the fact that the Army of Occupation costs the Dutch people millions of guilders a week."

According to news received in Dutch circles in London, the prospectus threatens that in case of non-subscription a compulsory 40 year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent will be enforced.

The high spot of the day was Mr. Willkie's arrival at a meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council, who were discussing the Government's manpower mobilisation scheme. Sitting by the side of the T.U.C. Chairman (Mr. Gibson), Mr. Willkie listened to the discussion.

"They are a grand bunch of fellows—very intelligent and alert. I found myself in complete agreement with their aspirations and purposes," he said afterwards.

Luncheon was at the Savoy Hotel with Sir Robert Kindersley Britain's war-saving propaganda chief, and a party of big business men.

WOMEN DEMONSTRATE

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr. Willkie arrived.

Later Mr. Willkie visited Polish Headquarters, meeting General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister.

"My sympathies are 100 per cent with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador.

Mr. Willkie is using all ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to this country are obliged to have. They have been given him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

The proposed visit to Erie is not yet definitely fixed.

COMMONS QUESTION ON PEARL RIVER SHIPPING

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—A laconic "Yes" was Mr. R. A. Butler's answer to the question whether the situation of the British concession in Tientsin was now satisfactory and whether Britons were able to pass unhindered between the Concession and the adjacent occupied territory.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether British shipping was now allowed access on the Pearl River to Canton.

Mr. Butler said that there was a weekly service. Difficulties had arisen in connexion with quarantine regulations and pilotage fees but they were under negotiation.

Capt. Alan Graham asked what Japanese restrictions were placed on exports and imports of the occupied parts of China and to what extent such restrictions affected British trade.

Mr. Butler outlined the restrictions in north, central and south China, and added that British and other foreign merchants were being severely affected by all these measures.

Mr. Robert Morgan asked whether there was any improvement to report in the facilities allowed British shipping at coastal ports, especially Tsinhsia and Chefoo.

Mr. Butler said that Mr. Eden, the Foreign Minister, was calling for a report on the latest situa-

GENERAL

Heavy R.A.F. Attacks On Italian Air Bases

NEW ENEMY BOMBERS ENGAGED BY BRITISH FIGHTERS

CAIRO, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—Heavy bombing by the R.A.F. of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as a railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night were the high-spots in the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communiqué.

It states that "during the night of January 27, bombers of the R.A.F. carried out a raid on the Capodichino (Naples) aerodrome. Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started in the aerodrome."

The central railway station and a marshalling yard at Naples were also attacked: fires and a violent explosion being caused between the station and the junction. The same night, the Catania aerodromes were raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among the buildings on the south side of the aerodrome.

"Comiso was also visited and bombing there started fires among the buildings, which were followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania."

The result was not observed owing to the weather conditions.

"Reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts."

"From all operations our aircraft returned safely. In the communiqué on January 27 it was stated that one of our fighters operating in Libya was missing.

It is now known that the pilot of this machine made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."

SUPPORT FOR OFFENSIVE

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive on the Agordat area."

"Aircraft of the South African air force on January 27, carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result was not observed owing to the weather conditions."

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DROWNED IN FLAMES

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—A British fighter patrol has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames.

The British patrol suffered no loss.

The headquarters of the R.A.F. in Greece states, "A formation of our fighter aircraft on an offensive patrol in southern Albania yesterday encountered a number of enemy bombers—Cantaz 107 and Breda 20 types. Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames while several others were damaged."

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The Committee inserted in the Bill provisions prohibiting the President from dispatching war material to Britain without consulting the Service chiefs.

Periodical reports must be submitted to Congress on the working of the measures.

LIMITED POWERS FOR ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, in a secret session yesterday, fixed a time limit expiring June 30, 1943, for the President's Lease and Lend Bill.

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U.S. NAVY BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)

A Bill authorising the allocation of \$909,000,000 for expanding naval construction facilities and building 400 small navy craft was passed by the Senate yesterday and sent to the White House.

Minesweepers and submarine chasers are included among the craft to be built.

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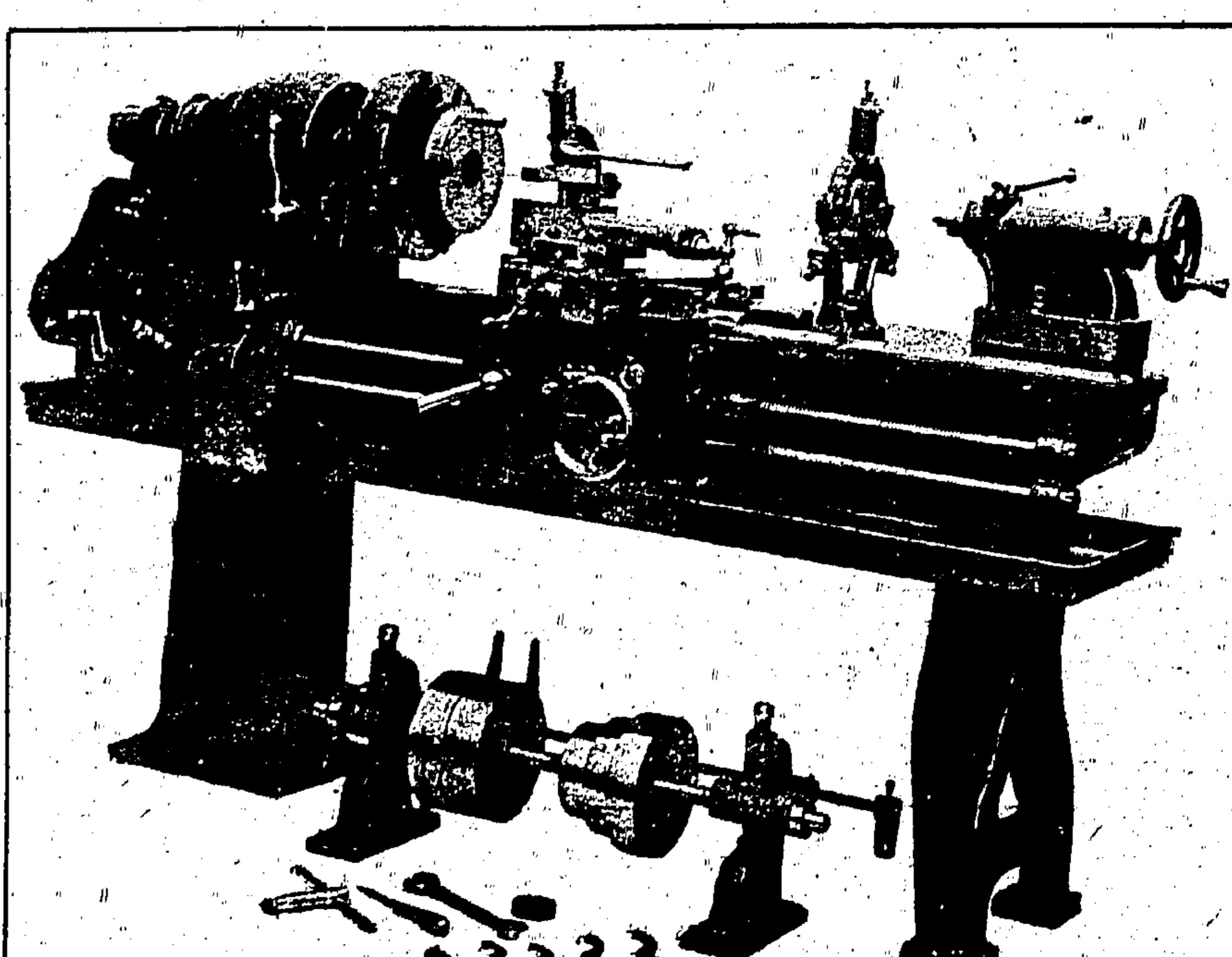
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DUKE OF GLOUCESTER APPEALS FOR SUPPORT FOR RED CROSS

"Every new development of the present conflict throws further responsibilities on the War Organisation of the Red Cross and St. John," said H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester in an appeal for funds for the above association.

"When many thousands of our men fell into the enemy's hands as prisoners of war, the Red Cross was charged with the task of providing them with clothing, food and comforts."

"When the air attack on these Islands began in earnest, Red Cross and St. John workers everywhere were instantly in action. Ever since help of every kind has been given to the sufferers, today the Red Cross and St. John is helping to staff air-raid shelters with trained first-aid workers."

"In Egypt the Middle East Commission, prepared and equipped in days of comparative quiet, is fully occupied in providing comforts and supplementary medical and surgical supplies for the sick and wounded. All its resources have recently been placed at the disposal of Greece."

"At home the Red Cross is still hard at work converting country houses and other suitable premises into convalescent homes and hospitals capable of receiving 20,000 patients."

VOLUNTARY SUPPORT

"For all these activities and the many other services it renders the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation relies on voluntary support and this support I now earnestly ask you to redouble."

"I am more than grateful for the generous response that has been given to my original appeal, and am confident that the British people everywhere will continue to make their contribution towards the cost of Red Cross work for our sick and wounded and prisoners of war."

EXPENDITURES

The figures given below show the main items of expenditure of the War Organisation to Nov. 6, 1940. The total expenditure of £2,294,500

is an increase of £532,100 over the figure to Oct. 2, namely, £1,762,500, as given in the summary of work for Nov. 2, 1940.

The items of expenditure are as under:

Purchase of General and Medical Stores and Comforts (including materials for the Central Hospital Supply Service and administrative expenses of the Stores Department) £814,400; Purchase of Ambulances, X-ray Units and Equipment 187,400; Food and Clothing for Prisoners of War 575,200; Work of Commissions Overseas 122,500; Convalescent Homes for Officers and other Ranks (part recoverable) 52,650; Red Cross and St. John County Branches and Joint County Committees for local work and air raid relief 265,500; Scottish Branch, B.R.C.S.—from Scottish Subscriptions 129,000; Relief in Finland 10,000; General and Secretarial Administrative Expenses and Appeal Expenses 136,950. Total: £2,294,500.

FUNDS RECEIVED

The total funds received by the Treasurers from the inception of the Appeal to Nov. 6 amounted to £3,344,000. Deduct—Expenditure (as above) £2,294,600. Total: £1,049,400.

Deduct—Commitments in respect of air raid relief work £195,000. Balance of Funds available at Nov. 6, 1940 £854,400.

It will be observed from the above figures that roughly three-quarters of the total funds received have already been spent or allocated.

In addition, there are heavy continuing commitments for specific services, such as the purchase of parcels for prisoners of war, of which alone the cost amounts to £800,000 a year.

Deportee, In Court, Makes Offer To British War Fund

"I am quite prepared, if I am able to get back my property, to subscribe one-third of its value to the British War Fund and two-thirds to charitable institutions in Hong Kong."

This was the offer made by a deportee, Cheung Kwok-hing, to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday in the course of an appeal against sentence of one year's imprisonment imposed on him by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy on Sept. 14 for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Appellant stated that the sentence was too heavy and, since his banishment, he had stayed outside the Colony and only came back because he was forced to by the Japanese.

Cheung told his Lordship that he was forced on board a junk at Po On and was put on shore, together with 41 other persons, at Lau Fau Shan, British territory.

His Lordship: How did you come from Lau Fau Shan to the Tai Kwan Hotel, in Des Voeux Road Central, where you were arrested? —I came here on foot.

PROPERTY "DEVOURED"

Asked why he came here, appellant replied that he wanted to take a steamer to Macao where his family lived.

Det. Sgt. Williamson prosecuted.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

CLERK IMPRISONED

Tsang Wing-san, 24, residing at No. 21, D'Aguilar Street, first floor, clerk of Tajmalah Silk Store, Queen's Road Central, charged on counts of stealing a quantity of clothing from the store and illegal pawning of part of the stolen articles, appeared on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday when he was sentenced to a total of four months' hard labour.

Defendant was alleged to have stolen on divers dates six pieces of gold lame, six pieces velvet, a piece gold printed lame, three pieces silver lame and two manure sets, these being in the employ of S. Narain, proprietor of the store.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, prosecuting, stated that the total value of goods stolen was \$45. Of this sum, \$470 worth had been recovered. These goods were pawned by defendant for \$23 in sums of \$1 and \$2.

Pleading guilty, defendant said that he did this because his son was sick.

KODAK CO. FINED

"My instructions are to press for a serious penalty in this case, if convicted, so that Mr. Frisque and the Company would be made an example," stated Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, addressing Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when the Eastman Kodak Company and Mr. G. E. Frisque, manager of the Company, were summoned for reporting, on Dec. 21, certain photographic goods without a licence from the Controller of Trade.

Mr. Murphy prosecuted, assisted by Mr. H. J. Cruttwell, of the Controller of Trade Office, while defendant was represented by Mr. R. M. M. King, who pleaded Not Guilty.

It was stated that a letter, signed by Mr. Frisque, addressed to his customer in Macao, informing him that the consignment of goods, which he had ordered, was on the way, was intercepted by the censors.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

JUDGMENT RESERVED

Judgment was reserved until Feb. 11, at noon, by Mr. Lowry yesterday in the case, in which Wong Hah long and Cheung Kung-hop were charged with having conspired with another, not in custody, to threaten Tang King-wai with injury to his person to force the latter to drop the prosecution of an action in the Supreme Court against first defendant and the Kin Kee Trading Company, when the hearing, which has lasted for several months, was concluded.

Second defendant, in evidence yesterday stated: "I did not threaten complainant on the whole, but on the contrary, my meeting with him was very pleasant and amicable."

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for complainant, while first defendant was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, and second defendant by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

EVADE FARE

A fine of \$15 was imposed by Mr. Lowry on Ma Lal-man, shop foki, for travelling on board a Yau-tai ferry on Jan. 29, without having paid the proper fare.

THEFT OF CLOTH

Convicted of stealing cloth from the Mecca Silk Store, Yip Hon-wing, former clerk, was bound over by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det. Sgt. Williamson prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

FORGED CERTIFICATE

Appearing before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of uttering a certificate of admission to the Straits Settlements to a Wong Wang on board a ship in harbour on Jan. 11, knowing same to be forged, Lee Long, 38, travelling trader, was fined \$100 or three months' hard labour.

Det. Sgt. Harris was in charge of the case.

CLIPPER DUE TODAY

Pan-American Airways Philippine Clipper bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco Jan. 24 is expected to arrive in the Colony this afternoon and will leave on her return flight for San Francisco via Manila tomorrow morning.

His Lordship, without calling upon Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, dismissed the appeal, saying that it obviously had no merit. Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes was present for the Police.

MACAO GREETINGS TO COLONY

The following are texts of telegrams exchanged between the Governors of Macao and Hongkong on the centenary of the Colony:

From Governor, Macao:—In my name and in the name of the Colony of Macao I greet Your Excellency and the Colony of Hongkong on the occasion of its first centenary and make sincere wishes for its prosperity.

From Acting Governor, Hongkong:—I tender Your Excellency my sincere thanks and those of the people of this Colony for your telegram of congratulations on the occasion of its centenary.

AT KOWLOON

EUROPEAN CHARGED

W. T. Stoneham, of No. 33B, Hillwood Road, summoned before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday for assaulting a bus driver of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Wu Ping, was cautioned and ordered to pay \$7 compensation to complainant.

Representing complainant, Mr. W. M. Brown said that about 9.07 p.m. on Jan. 12 complainant drove his bus to the front of the Star Ferry wharf. As he started to move to the parking place defendant boarded the bus and hit him at the back through the open window. Wu Ping, turning round, received another blow on his nose causing it to bleed.

Complainant ran to the time-keeper's office followed by defendant who, it was alleged, scattered the paper and caused a disturbance in the office.

Accused said that he was crossing the road in front of the bus, when, he alleged, the bus struck him.

In passing sentence Mr. Hinsworth said that defendant should have made a report to the Police instead of assaulting the driver.

INDIAN CHARGED

Ghulam Mohammed, 25, of Royal Indian Army Service Corps, was charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with burglary.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethel said that complainant in the case was Law Tak-wah, a shop foki of the Chuen Kee shop in the Whitfield Barracks. He went out about 6 p.m. on Monday, locking the door behind him and returned about 1.45 a.m. on the following day to find the door open. He went into the shop and saw defendant inside. Complainant questioned defendant what he had taken but defendant started to run. Law made a report to a corporal who accompanied him to the shop where they found \$5, a tin of milk and six apples missing.

Pleading not guilty, defendant said that he was sleeping and never went to the shop in the evening in question. He asked permission to call witness for his defence and was remanded for 24 hours.

FIRE CRACKERS NUISANCE

Charged with discharging fire-crackers to the danger of the public at Portland Street, Lam Yiu, 18, talair, was fined \$1 by Mr. Hinsworth yesterday.

Sgt. Cameron said that defendant was walking along Portland Street on Wednesday and throwing fire-crackers at random.

POLICE SUPERVISOR GALED

Convicted of housebreaking and failing to report while under Police supervision, Fung Chung, 23, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. Hinsworth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that complainant, So On, 34, married woman, residing in a hut at Ha Yuen Ling Village, left her house on Tuesday morning. She returned about 2 p.m. and found the door lock broken and defendant walking at a distance. She gave chase and had defendant arrested.

The property stolen were \$12 Hongkong currency, two bangles, 28 pieces of clothing and two rattan suitcases.

Defendant had been released from jail last year and placed under Police supervision. He did not report to the Police when he was required to do so.

Det. Sgt. Williamson prosecuted.

DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 29 are as follows:—Diphtheria, two cases; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Tuberculosis, 170 cases (111 deaths and three imported cases).

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COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Jan. 25:—Cholera, one case; Small-Pox, one case; Diphtheria, 16 cases (one death); Enteric Fever, four cases (five deaths); Measles, 17 cases (two deaths); Chicken-Pox, five cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases (one death); Dysentery, 18 cases (nine deaths); Tuberculosis, 170 cases (111 deaths and three imported cases).

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POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Berg, residing at No. 11, Glenealy, reports that her car No. 3423 was stolen from the Statue Square car park on Wednesday.

The theft of five nickel ingots, valued at \$300, from No. 14, Whitfield Road on Wednesday has been reported to the Police.

Mr. D. W. Morley, of No. 14, Felix Villas, reports that a raincoat and felt hat were stolen from his car parked outside the Hongkong Bank building on Wednesday.

The theft of a quantity of clothing from his car parked at Connaught Road on Tuesday night has been reported to the Police by Mr. D. W. Hume, of "Woodside," Bay View.

While purchasing tickets at the Central Theatre, Queen's Road West, on Wednesday Wong Chi-hung and Yuen Keng-sang had their pocketbooks containing their \$14.70 and \$147, respectively, picked.

and killed by a tramcar while crossing the carriage-way.

Of 68 accidents, 25 were collisions between vehicles, 32 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 11 accidents were due to other causes.

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H.K. MAILED LOST

The Postmaster General announced that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America posted in Hongkong about Oct. 27 and 28 and Nov. 1 and 2, 1940, have been lost through enemy action.

has the Chinese Government shown itself capable of dealing with such a situation, but that it was not afraid to permit the world to know the full facts of what had taken place, so that there might be no misapprehension outside China on the subject. There is no doubt that the Chinese people themselves, who have attained a standard of unity of resolve and determination in keeping with the same spirit that is being displayed by Britain and her allies, have been unshaken by this unfortunate incident and that they will require no begging plea from their leader to continue their fight for liberty and independence.

WHILE PRINCE KONOYE, however, was making his apology, he was no doubt pondering over the results of Japan's commitments to the Axis Powers and the ever increasing difficulties which are arising to impede her establishment of the so-called "New Order" in East Asia.

In an effort to relieve himself of the increasing German pressure for action in the Orient, the Japanese Prime Minister and his official colleagues have endeavoured to offset the disappointment which the Japanese people are feeling over the progress of the China campaign, by making a great deal of bluster in connexion with Japan's plan for southward expansion. The reported success of Japan's mediation in the Indo-China-Thailand dispute will no doubt be claimed by the Government as evidence of their determination to push on with their programme regardless of any obstacles.

There is also the news that Japan has followed up this mediation effort by taking the opportunity to make further demands on Indo-China and Thailand and also to adopt a more uncompromising attitude towards the Netherlands East Indies.

IT IS INCREDIBLE that Prince Konoye and his Ministers can be so blind to the consequences which will result from any precipitate action either in Indo-China or in the Dutch East Indies. There is already ample evidence to show the failure of the guarantees which Herr Hitler has offered Japan for her active participation on his behalf by creating a disturbance in the East. His attempt to overawe the United States into remaining indifferent to Japan's actions has met with a bold rejoinder from America and even Japan's own gestures to appease the Americans have failed to hit the mark. Herr Hitler's promise to allow Japan a free hand in Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies, therefore, does not render her immune from the risk of being involved in a war with the United States and being defeated. Furthermore, all Herr Hitler's and Japan's attempts to arrive at an amicable settlement of Russo-Japanese differences have had a cold reception from the Kremlin and it is in this direction that the Japanese endeavours to reach an arrangement are at present being directed. Japan's position is indeed one of despair—she is placed in the awkward position of having to choose between two evils, neither of which offers any practical solution for the difficulties she has created for herself.

IN STRIKING CONTRAST was the clear and honest explanation which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gave on Wednesday with regard to the steps that had been taken to deal with the situation created by the insubordination of the Chinese Communist Army. His explanation of the position gave the direct to the Japanese attempts to make out that the incident was a forerunner of civil war in China and went further to show that not only

Immigration Officers Slow In Boarding Ships, Says Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce

The fact that Immigration officers were slow in boarding ships and that one vessel in particular had not been boarded for nearly 2½ hours after her arrival in harbour was mentioned by HON. MR. T. E. PEARCE at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE

C.B.S. BOYS IN ARMED SERVICES

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press

Dear Sir.—Could you possibly find space in your correspondence columns for the enclosed letter?

Thanking you,

I am:

Yours faithfully,

G. E. UPSDELL.

To Past and Present members of C.B.S. and C.B.A.

You will probably know that two boys of our school—Raven and Jenner—have lost their lives in taking part in the present conflict, thus upholding the principles which they learnt with us and we are proud of them. I know that our school is represented in all branches of H.M. Services and I wonder if we are backing them up as much as we might! They are just splendid and will never let us down, but are we letting them down? They are entitled to our moral and spiritual support and I am writing to ask your co-operation for which the leaders of our Empire have appealed. Will you join with us in attending Public Worship at your various places of worship on the second Sunday evening in each month? This means that we identify ourselves publicly with the principles for which Raven and Jenner have given of their best, and in the end, their lives; that we intend to co-operate with God in making this world a better place for men to live in and that we will use all spiritual powers available to that end. Those of our school in H.M. Forces will not let us down, don't let us 'let them down.'

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo: I think you must have a depot.

The Committee had before them a supplementary vote for \$24,600 for alterations to four godowns leased from the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company for use as an Immigration Depot.

Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong asked what was the rent payable on the godowns.

Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary) replied that the rent was \$240 for each godown.

Mr. Li: Has it been leased for long?

Mr. Butters: I think it is for a year.

Mr. Li: I think it is a lot of money to spend on this.

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Acting Colonial Secretary) (Chairman) said that the only information he had with him was that the rent was \$240 a month. It had been reduced from \$265. The lease was for a year and was subject to three months notice and renewable at the option of the Government at the same rental.

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo: I think you must have a depot.

TIME IMPORTANT

Mr. Pearce here mentioned that a ship which had arrived in port was not boarded by Immigration officers for 24 hours. "They do want to have some central place to handle this thing. Time is rather important," he added.

The Chairman: I think they are bit slow in getting off the mark to begin with.

Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields: What are their hours? Is there overtime for going out before breakfast or after tea?

The Financial Secretary: I have seen any applications for that yet.

Mr. Lo: I believe they have been working at all hours. That is what I have been told.

The vote was passed.

Other supplementary votes, totalling \$575,034 were also approved.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Chairman), Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING

REV. A. P. ROSE AND MISS B. WANCEY

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when MISS BEATRICE MARY WANCEY, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital, became the bride of the REV. ALABIC PEARSON ROSE, M.A., Assistant Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, M.A., officiated.

The bride looked charming in a silk taffeta gown over white tulle, cut with a high waist and long tight sleeves. She wore a tulle veil held in place with a tiara of orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of pink and white carnations.

Miss Jane Hancey was maid-of-honour and wore a gold taffeta frock over gold tulle trimmed with dark brown velvet ribbon. She wore a spray of yellow chrysanthemum, and carried a gold mesh-ed handbag.

The reception was held at the Church Guest House, where the many friends congratulated the newly-weds.

WYNDHAM ST. FIRE

Three fire appliances were summoned about 11 p.m. last evening when some bedding on the second floor of No. 6, Wyndham Street caught fire.

Traffic Sgt. R. Paton was first attracted to the scene by thick smoke coming from the premises and he called the Fire Brigade.

Before the arrival of the appliances the fire was brought under control.

LAWYER'S LOSS

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, residing at No. 5, Broadwood Road, has reported that while walking between the Central district and his home he had two British passports stolen from his pocket between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

OVERSEAS CHINESE DONATIONS TO CHINA

A total of \$294,396,357.65 donations from overseas Chinese were received by the Bank of China and other Government organs from the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in July, 1937 to October, 1940, according to statistics compiled by the Central authorities in Chungking.

This amount did not include that directly received by the National Red Cross Society of China, and the China National Aviation Association and that raised through the Gold Loan floated by the Government.

FROM HONGKONG

Donations from Chinese in Hongkong during the period totalled \$11,842,119.08 which occupied the sixth place in point of amount, while those from Singapore, \$125,768,002.61, ranked first.

The donations were distributed as follows: Singapore, \$125,768,002.61; Netherlands East Indies, \$37,569,755.04; New York, \$36,743,489.21; Philippines, \$26,584,350.55; San Francisco, \$14,235,613.38; Hongkong, \$11,842,119.08; Thailand, \$10,429,090.55; India and Burma, \$9,885,248.01; French Indo-China, \$7,390,870.67; Australia, \$7,806,579.98; London, \$5,366,707.28; Macao, \$237,769.98, and other places, \$716,754.91.

NEWSSETTES

His Excellency the Acting Governor Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton was present at the screening of "The Thief of Baghdad" at the King's Theatre last evening.

Mr. A. Brostet, Asiatic Trade Manager for Canadian National Railways, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Ted Hockaday, connected with the American Embassy at Tokyo, now being transferred to Baghdad, Iraq, arrived yesterday in Hongkong.

Mr. Lansing Kwok, San Francisco Branch Manager of the Wing On Company Ltd., arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. A. Perez-Saez, Consul-General of the Peruvian Government to Hongkong, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. Charles Perry, technical assistant for Imperial Chemical Industries, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Colin Robertson and Mr. Robert Shaw, architects for the Hongkong Government, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. G. Stokes, representative for Dodwell and Company, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

M. Carlos Ferrandiz, General Manager of the Tabacalera Co., Manila, passed through Hongkong yesterday en-route to Manila.

Mr. Armand Hazard, connected with Tabacalera, Manila, who is en-route to Manila, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Marinetti, Assistant Director of Finance for the French Indo-China Government, passed through Hongkong yesterday en-route to Manila.

"I think the Red Star puts the case very well," said Capt. Falls. "The problem now before General Wavell is no longer measured by Italian resistance in North Africa, but what form German intervention will take."

NAVAL CO-OPERATION

"We have to be very watchful of this. We must not forget that we have now, for the first time taken the initiative in the Mediterranean. The Axis, or rather, I should say, Germany, is still very formidable in this region, but if we look at what has happened, we shall come to the conclusion that our own position is imminently formidable also."

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Lau Ming-fai, building contractor, of No. 254 Jaffe Road, ground floor, and Miss Frances Kwan was announced at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

There was a large gathering at St. Patrick's Club on Wednesday night when an impromptu fare-well party was given to G. Warburton and H. H. Buck, who are leaving the Colony shortly.

"This reminds me of a talk I had with a general during the last war. He said: 'I had only

Naval Co-operation In British Successes In African Campaign

"Never embark on any campaign or take the British Army to any theatre of war where the Navy cannot reach out a hand to you if you are in trouble, and assist you if you are doing well. If you remember that, nothing can go seriously wrong, because the Navy will never let you down."

This comment, which was one principle with which I identified myself—it is, never embark on any campaign or take the British Army to any theatre of war where the navy cannot reach out a hand to you if you are in trouble and to assist you if you are doing well. If you remember that, nothing can go seriously wrong, because the navy will never let you down".

TRIBUTE TO STAFF WORK

Capt. Falls referred in his opening remarks to the capture of Tobruk, which he said had been expected for a considerable time and which the Italians themselves had come to take as a matter of course. He attributed the capture of this Italian stronghold to the perfect regularity of staff work in General Wavell's army.

"The task, however, was not lighter than it was elsewhere," continued Capt. Falls, "but the public at large find it hard to believe that a task is hard or becomes harder when it appears to be accomplished with what seems so much ease. "Each time we have won a victory, there has been speculation on the next step. Where will it be directed? Will Italian resistance check us?"

"It has never checked us. Our military machine has gone on working and we who have been looking on may have been inclined to take everything for granted, and to regard feats carried out by the army, which in normal times would have excited astonishment, without comment."

"With the capture of Tobruk, however, we are entitled to say that matters have progressed," declared Capt. Falls. "Apart from the value of its harbour, which will make it easy for us to supply our advanced forces by sea, we have been able to destroy over half or nearly two-thirds of the enemy's fighting strength in Africa."

GARRISON ESSENTIALS

Capt. Falls went on to comment on the essentials for the establishment of a garrison such as the Italians had in Africa. He pointed out that apart from the troops, administrative forces were also needed for certain civilian duties and military police were necessary to keep order in a country where the population might not be too friendly disposed towards the authorities.

"This will need nearly quarter of a million men," said Capt. Falls. "Therefore, when you hear that Italy has lost 100,000 men in prisoners and so many thousands killed and wounded, that means that they have lost much more in effective fighting strength—probably two-thirds. The morale of the survivors in such circumstances can well be imagined and it must be accepted that their resistance will become pretty low."

Capt. Falls next referred to a summing up of the situation in Africa by the Soviet newspaper, the Red Star, which pointed out that the question of importance now was not as to what would happen to Libya, but whether the Italians had the power to put up any further resistance.

"We shall be glad to see the end as we have much better use for our forces operating there and I am hoping that this will be done before very long".

RETURN TO NORMALCY TODAY

Today, the fifth day of the first moon of the lunar year, will see the gradual return to normalcy in local shopping, and trading conditions.

The majority of the larger stores—including the "Big Four," Sincere, Sjou, Wing On and China Emporium—will reopen for business, amid the thunderous noise of long strings of fire-crackers.

COURTESY CALLS

Courtesy calls, by women and children in all their finery, will continue until the fifteenth day (Feb. 10), as will the custom of giving "hai-sei" to children.

Sight-seeing will, however, gradually diminish and ferries, buses, and trams will be less crowded.

Hongkong will definitely be returning to its humdrum everyday life.

Mr. William Williamson, of the H. K. Police, returned to Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. E. Wong, of No. 220, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of an electric motor pump from his residence.



The Rev. A. P. Rose and his bride, formerly Miss B. Wansey, after their marriage yesterday. The group includes Bishop Hall, Bishop Moi Shau-tsang and Very Rev. J. L. Wilson (King's Studio)

GEN. WU TE-CHEN ON RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND BURMA

Interviewed by Press representatives upon his arrival in Rangoon recently, GENERAL WU TE-CHEN, Chinese Minister of Overseas Affairs, and Goodwill Envoy to the South Seas, said: "During the past three months I have been on a goodwill tour of the Philippines, the Netherlands East Indies and the greater part of Malaya, including the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, and the Unfederated Malay States of Johore and Kedah. I am glad to have the opportunity of visiting this country. In coming to Burma I am not only on a goodwill mission, but I also bring a message from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to my countrymen."

Fighting Spirit Of The Maltese

PART PLAYED IN PRESENT WAR

"There are 1,300 Maltese serving in the Royal Navy. There are 260,000 men, women and children in the island and these people are playing their part today in beating off the attacks being made on them by German dive-bombers. They are proving once again that they are doughty fighters. The same spirit of centuries ago lives on," said LIEUT. COMMANDER THOMAS WOODRUFFE, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the significance of Malta in the present war in the Mediterranean.

IMPORTANT POSITION Comdr. Woodruffe gave a picturesque description of the Island and traced its history from the time of the days of Carthage. Malta, he said, lay on the important Mediterranean route and the position of the Island had played a great part in its history.

The speaker spoke of the several struggles in which the Islanders had been engaged in. This he said had developed their fighting spirit. Comdr. Woodruffe also referred to the founding of the famous Knights of St. John on the Island and described the beautiful cathedral which had been so artistically built.

NEVER CONQUERED "The Maltese," said Comdr. Woodruffe, "have never been a conquered race. They have preserved their language and customs. They were never conquered by the British, but asked to be taken under the protection of the British flag. The first Governor of the Island was a British naval officer."

The Maltese were now showing the same spirit that had made a historian write of them during the war of 1555 that "it was wonderful to see that even women and children laid aside every fear. They repaired walls, carried away the dead and helped the wounded without fear."

EIRE TO BUILD UP WAR ECONOMY

Mr. de Valera in a statement reported in a message from Saigon, said that Eire would continue to build up her defence forces.

"We also have to build up a war economy," said Mr. de Valera, "and this must be capable of withstanding all difficulties. I don't say we shall succeed, but with mutual co-operation, our standard of living will at least be reasonable."

A 10-year-old girl, Lal Shiu-chu, suddenly collapsed at Des Voeux Road yesterday. She was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Japan Developing The Encirclement Myth: Matsuoka Modelling His Oratory On That Of Hitler

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—One concrete result of Japan's accession to the Axis has been the growing inclination of Mr. Matsuoka to model his oratory on Hitler's, says THE TIMES in an editorial on his speech at the opening of the Diet followed by a further utterance in reply to Mr. Cordell Hull which represents a departure from tradition but no accretion in strength.

Mr. Matsuoka's ruling obsession—proclamation of the Western Pacific as the lebensraum of dominant and self-sufficient Japan—bears the authentic Nazi stamp.

The shrill tone in which the hands off notice is served to other Powers, especially the United States, is that of Hitler himself.

KONOYE AND TOTALITARIAN PRACTICES

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—Prince Fumimaro Konoye, the Japanese Prime Minister, reiterated his opposition to the application of Italo-German totalitarian practices in Japan.

Questioned before the Lower House Budgetary Committee, regarding passages extolling the extension of totalitarianism in the whole world, which is contained in the Information Board's booklet on the "new structure," the Premier declared:—

"I believe it to be wrong to attempt to apply to Japan, without modifications, totalitarian practices."

FUTURE OF FRANCE

The official German News Agency quoted an article appearing in a German-controlled newspaper in Paris which states that the future of France will be compromised if Vichy does not change its attitude, states a London message.

This paper adds that since M. Laval retired from the political stage all co-operation between Vichy, Paris and Berlin had been broken off.

"Today, when a decisive hour is striking, Vichy is acting against the fatherland. France must realise this for her fate is now at stake."

ONE LIFELINE "China regards the Burma Road as one of her lifelines, and upon the reopening of this road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship I wish to point out that keeping the Burma Road open will help to bring victory for China and peace and stability to the Far East."

"Because Burma and China are next-door neighbours, the security and peace of Burma are important to China, while China's development means a great deal to Burma, and we have succeeded in establishing a strong economic base in our Northwest and Southwest provinces and we are developing the natural resources of that rich region. I only hope that the Burma-Yunnan railway will soon be completed in order that the potential trade between China and Burma may be developed."

"I see great possibilities for this country in the future, and so it would be mutually advantageous to further enhance the cultural and commercial relations between China and Britain and Burma."

Gen. Wu added that he would stay in Burma for about three weeks and would visit a few of the larger towns. (Central News)

**16 Thousand Italians
Captured**

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Minister, announced in a message of the armed forces that by order of the King, he had assumed direction of the Ministries of War, Marine and Air.

The message continues: "Under the protection of God and the Holy Virgin, under the iron command of the King and your leaders and with the prayers of all Greeks, you will break the cowardly enemy and you will triumph and show yourselves worthy of the grand visions of the great national Governor who has departed."

AUSTRALIA MOURNS Sir Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said that Australia mourns with Greece the loss of a great leader in General Metaxas, states a London message.

Sir Frederick added that they hoped another leader will rise to consolidate the foundations laid by the late Premier.

WARMEST SYMPATHY

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—The death of General Metaxas was made prominent in this morning's newspapers, which express the warmest sympathy for the Greeks and eulogise the late Premier as a great leader who restored the Greek spirit and self-confidence.

THE TIMES says that General Metaxas will bear the honour of having first destroyed the legend of the invincibility of the armies of the Axis.

STAUNCH COMPANION

The DAILY HERALD says that in Gen. Metaxas, Greece loses a great leader, and Britain loses a staunch companion.

Gen. Metaxas was a soldier, not a demagogue, and his rule was nearer that of Kemal Attaturk than Hitler or Mussolini. Greece will miss his indomitable leadership, but all Greece fights this war and Greece will go forward still.

Japan is developing the myth of encirclement. Large British and American interests in China and the long-standing friendship to China are treated as evidence of the intention to encircle Japan.

American concern in the defence of Singapore and integrity of the Netherlands-East Indies would apparently be regarded by Japan as a positive threat.

UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION Japan is only a power in the Pacific whose armed forces are in unlawful occupation of territory not her own and although every kind of provocation has been practised against peaceful British and American citizens, there has been no British or American action or concentration of British and American forces in the Western Pacific.

It would be difficult to draw a more unconvincing picture of menace and encirclement than that which appears to have taken shape in Mr. Matsuoka's excited imagination.

The nature of service which Mr. Matsuoka's threats were designed to render to the Axis is clear enough. The future course of Japan's policy is more obscure and possibly there may still be room therewith for caution which her official spokesmen have thrown to the winds.

CONSOLIDATE GAINS In China, Japan has partially withdrawn and is seeking to consolidate her gains though it is doubtful whether the Chinese forces would leave her long in undisputed enjoyment of her somewhat diminished laurels.

For the moment Japan's eyes are roving southward. The news that Thailand and Indo-China had accepted arbitration would have been welcome but for the suspect of the character of recent Japanese activities there.

Japanese emissaries seem to have played a sinister role in for-

menting strife which they are now seeking to compose.

Violently expressed Japanese objections to the mediation of any other power suggest its chief ambition was to assert authority over the two weaker countries by a dictated award comparable to those imposed by the Axis in Southern Europe.

TRUCULENT ATTITUDE Notwithstanding the truculent attitude of the Foreign Minister, Japan has obvious moments of uneasiness about the goal to which she is being led.

The mildness, bordering on obsequiousness, of the recent attitude to the Soviet is a highly significant success of these transparent tactics which are likely to be limited and shortlived.

From the Soviet viewpoint, the Japanese record in the last 20 years has been more consistently bold than almost any other Power.

While the Soviet does not desire at present a collision with Japan, any serious Japanese embroilment elsewhere would provide her an opportunity of advancing her interests and paying off old scores which she would be unwilling to miss.

But the greatest source of uneasiness for the more prudent Japanese statesmen is the steady deterioration of Japanese relations with Britain and the United States.

It is easy to calculate Britain can do little while her strength is absorbed in Europe, but it is not so easy to be sure how long this limitation will last and there is already an uncomfortable perception in some Japanese minds of the changes which would wrought in China's war-time capital in Chungking.

MILLSTONE

This route was the millstone which was hanging round Japan's neck.

Prince Konoye's admission was what Japanese public opinion had long ago realised.

This secret life-line of China had been built up by the untiring efforts of Chinese engineers. Goods were carried part of the way by Chinese, part of the way in sailing junks and part of the way in trucks.

The writer added that even motor vehicles had been taken into parts and carried piece by piece over the route by sweating coolies.

SUEZ CANAL RAID

There was an enemy air raid on the Suez Canal on Wednesday, states a London message.

Several bombs were dropped but no damage was caused and there were no casualties.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WE TAKE PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT, AS FROM JANUARY 31st., 1941, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OUR BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAYS From 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
WEEK DAYS From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The WING ON LTD

STORY OF COMPLETE DEFEAT OF JAPANESE BLOCKADE OF CHINA

BEHIND THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER'S ADMISSION THAT THERE IS NOT A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR A SETTLEMENT OF JAPAN'S WAR IN CHINA, lies the story of the complete defeat of the Japanese blockade of China, states an article in an Australian morning paper, which was quoted yesterday in a message from Sydney.

The writer said that this most enthralling episode of China's struggle has never been told, and will never be told until the war is over.

The writer also went on to give a few facts about what he described as China's secret life-line of which very little was known.

This life-line, said the writer, was not through the Burma road or through Russia, but from a point on the coast from which goods were being regularly sent to China's war-time capital in Chungking.

CHURCH AND STATE

According to a message from Saigon, it was announced in Vichy on Wednesday that a new constitutional decree is to be published shortly requiring all ministers, high officials and state dignitaries to swear allegiance to Marshal Petain.

The same message added that the Havas Agency, which has now been taken under state control, will co-operate with Marshal Petain in his work and that the agency's outside services will function as before with the same staffs.

CHURCH AND STATE

It was also announced that the first result of rapprochement between the Catholic Church and the French State is seen in the introduction of religious education in school programmes.

A report from Marseilles, quoted in the same message, states that the suppression of Communists in Southern France continues. Six Communists were reported to have been arrested in Nice and six others in Toulon.

Marshal Petain is to have a guard-of-honour of 2,000 men who will wear blue uniform with white gloves. (Spécial)

Japan's Condition For Mediating

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of the Air Force, it includes the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, says the communiqué.

A review of the two months operations on the frontier reveals that Thai forces occupied two bits of territory on the right bank of the Mekong River, cession of which would probably have avoided the fighting, which started with the French bombing of Nakonpanom.

THAI CASUALTIES

Besides these territories, Thai forces penetrated into Cambodia in a 25 miles stretch from Surin right down to the Gulf of Thailand.

Only 100 were killed and 300 wounded on the Thai side since the outbreak of the frontier fighting, says the communiqué, asserting this is insignificant compared with the French total which, however, is not indicated.

PARLEY IN TOKYO

BANGKOK, Jan. 30 (Reuter)—Thai delegates to the armistice conference with French Indo-China, to be held in Tokyo, are leaving for Tokyo by air on Feb. 2, it was announced here.

A message from Saigon yesterday stated that another contingent of French soldiers who were interned in Switzerland have arrived in Thailand.

**FRENCH SOLDIERS
RETURN**

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION
on

Thursday and Friday, the 13th and
14th February, 1941.
commencing each day at 9.30 a.m.,
with an interval from 12 noon
to 1.30 p.m.

at H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong and
at Kowloon Naval Depot.

OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL
STORES
comprising:

Boats, Motor and Sailing (Hull
only), Old Tools, Canvas, India
Rubber, Clocks, Leather, Electric
Gear, Lamps, Binoculars, Oars,
Cordage, Firewood, Blankets, Coun-
terpanes, Carpets, Beds, Wash
Basins, Furniture, Electric Cable,
Oil Drums, Dirty Oil, etc.

and

Zinc Ashes and old Iron and Steel.
Lots may be inspected on Wednes-
day, 12th February, 1941.

(Only British Subjects will be ad-
mitted into H.M. Naval Establish-
ments to view or bid for the lots).

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MALAYS ARE
INFERIOR
TO NONE

Benito Soliven, assemblyman of
Ilocos Sur, delivered an eloquent
defence of the Malay race before
the Baguio Rotary Club recently
in the Pines Hotel, reports the
Manila Bulletin.

"To many of those who consider
themselves as belonging to super-
ior races," Soliven said, "the
Malay has barely a place in the
history of human progress." Using
this challenge as a theme, the
assemblyman showed briefly how
the Malays, who he delimited, as
all those peoples belonging to the
brown races, had contributed to
civilization in past centuries."

BIG EXPANSION

Malays occupy an area spreading
from Madagascar to Mexico. The
unparalleled dispersion and expansion
of the race over the face of
the entire globe speak high of the
courage and pioneering spirit of
the brown race," Soliven declared.
He pointed out that long before
the Phoenicians had braved the
Mediterranean, Malayan counter-
parts of Ulysses had traded and
explored through the vast reaches
of the Pacific. Prior to the
flowering of Aryan civilization;
antedating Median, Persian, Greek,
Roman and Teutonic culture,
there flourished in Europe and
North Africa and in the islands of
the Mediterranean, great empires
and kingdoms of dark-skinned or
brown peoples, whose civilization
reached such a high degree of
development and excellence that
in many respects it has remained
unparalleled to this day."

INTERESTING DISCLOSURE

Interesting to the many Ro-

tarians present was his declara-

tion that many of the symbols of

Fascism and Nazi upholders of

Aryan superiority were originated

by the Malays, including the

swastika, the Roman salute, and

others.

"Among the great monuments of

the race are the buildings of

Sumeria, Egypt, Crete, of the

Incas, Mayas, Aztecs, and of the

Khmers, who built Angkor Wat.

Madjapahit, Malays built Borobudur in Java. Among the great

Malays are Ghandi, Rizal, Gautama

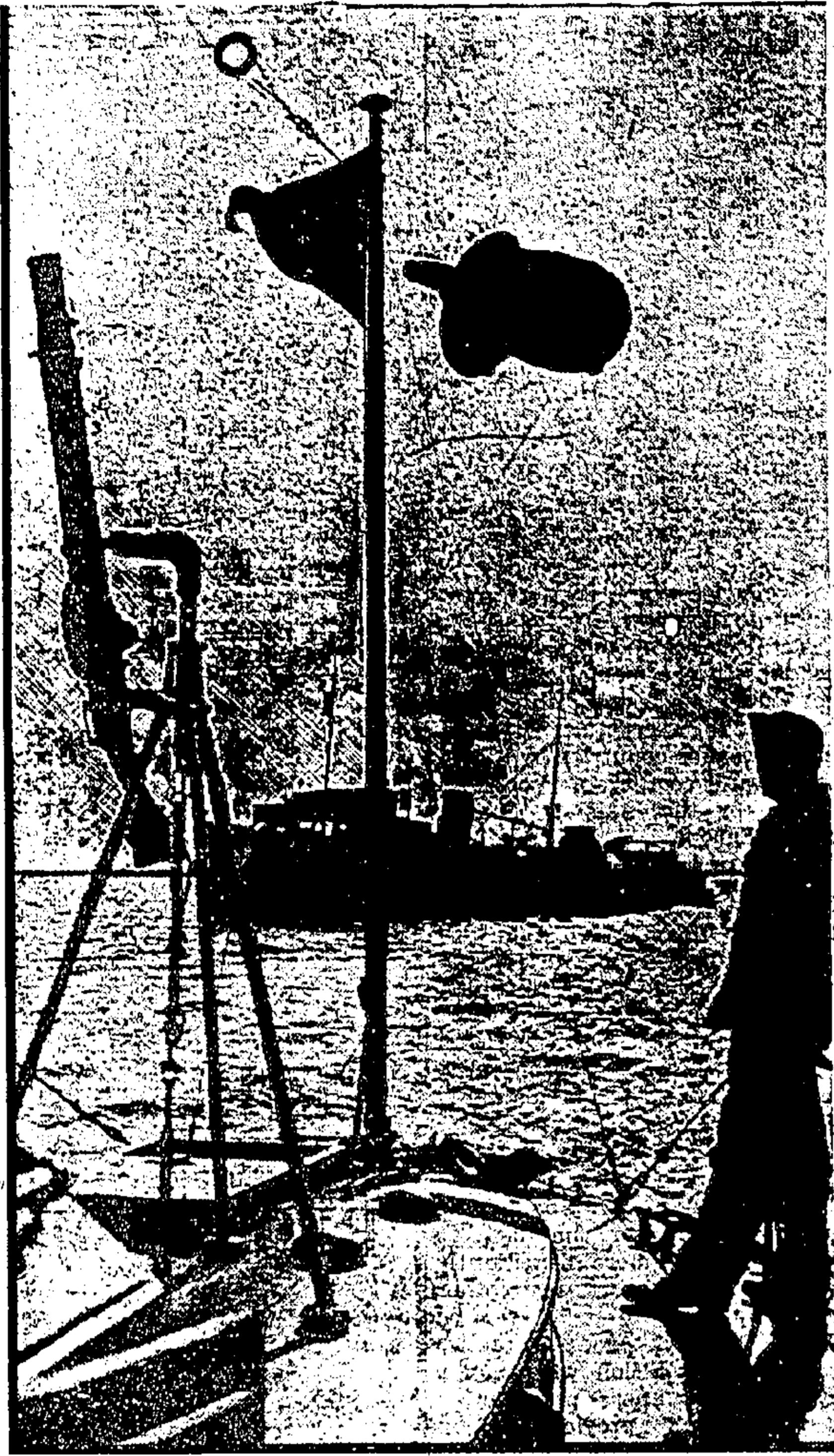
Buddha, Asoka, and Akbar.

"We are a people inferior to

none," capable of the highest pro-

gress, culture and civilisation,"

Soliven concluded.



Shielded from dive-bombing attacks by its own barrage balloon, a merchantman makes its way up Channel in convoy. The picture is taken from an R.A.F. patrol ship. Nazi vertical swoops at speed on to vessels equipped in this way are an exceedingly risky proceeding.

NO COLOUR LINE DRAWN
IN TRIM N.E.I. ARMY

BATAVIA, Jan. 15.—Although its numbers do not approach the legions of Europe's armed forces, the Netherlands Indies army today stands geared for blitzkrieg war, writes John Raleigh in the Manila Bulletin.

Learning from recent battlefields abroad, the Dutch general staff has produced a trained, highly mobile force which has surprised foreign military observers by its trimness and fighting ability.

Drawing no color line, the army often allows Europeans to serve in the same squad as natives, and, furthermore, the commanding sergeant may be native. Who's boss in the ranks depends upon who is the best soldier. And the system works well.

CONFIDENT BODY

The Dutch point out that an army is for fighting, and whether its men are white, or otherwise, makes little difference in action. The respect of one soldier for the superior military accomplishments of another determines obedience in the field.

The arrangement has evolved a confident, resolute body of men who work in teams that cooperate satisfactorily under all conditions.

Under a blazing tropical sun at Djimahi, in the hill country of north Java, the army maintains its principal encampment. In nearby Bandoeung the department of war functions—in close touch with officer cadres on active service, and all the problems arising from the needs of thousands of men.

OLD SIGHT

The actual number is not known publicly. Probably only a few staff and field officers know the exact number of men stationed at Djimahi.

An old sight on the drill grounds is a maneuvering company of dark, small-statured natives, with their green uniforms and upturned bamboo hats marching, side by side with towering Dutchmen similarly clad, either in the regular army, or doing their period of conscription service.

Militia service, conscription of Europeans from Holland, and regular recruiting are very serious matters in the Netherlands Indies. The Dutch are fully aware of the possibilities of war in this part of the world. They guard a veritable storehouse of war materials, many of them indispensable to the operation and supply of belligerent nations.

UP TO AGE OF 46

Every Dutchman up to the age of 46 years is registered. If hostilities swept southward there would be few homes in the Indies

GENERAL

France Look To Leahy
To Solve Growing Food
Difficulties

VICHY, Jan. 9.—With tension developing between occupied and nonoccupied France, and also between Paris and Vichy, over the food situation, the Marshal Henri Petain government today moved to relieve 3,500,000 residents of Paris who were suffering from cold and hunger.

Severe storms the past few days have disrupted road, rail and water traffic, including dispatch of coal and foodstuffs, particularly meat.

INCREASED FOOD

Marshal Petain ordered increased delivery of foodstuffs to Paris, relaxation of food taxes and increased the winter dole to the unemployed by two francs daily plus an additional franc for each additional dependent.

Marshal Petain also ordered wide requisitions throughout French production centers in order to boost deliveries to Paris.

The British blockade has proved extremely effective, and only Mar-selles was receiving a small drizzle of supplies from the colonies. Paris meat receipts the past fortnight were reported to have been less than the normal requirements for one day.

PARTIAL SOLUTION

France, however, looked to Admiral William D. Leahy, new U.S. ambassador to the Vichy government, to provide a partial solution to France's food difficulties through partial lifting of the blockade in order to permit food and medicines for children to enter France.

Leahy presented his letters of credence and President Roosevelt's personal message to Chief of State Marshal Petain at Sevigne Palace yesterday.

Despite the knee-deep snow, sub-zero temperature and icy winds sweeping down the Allier valley from the Auvergne mountains, a small crowd assembled in the park opposite the pavilion to watch Leahy's arrival. French bluejackets, lined up in the snow, snapped into a salute when Leahy inspected the detachments and saluted the colors.

SILK HAT EXHIBITION

Leahy and his entire staff, except the military and naval attaches, were dressed in silk hats and cutaways. The attaches wore service uniforms.

It was the first silk hat exhibition seen in Vichy in the six months since the government moved there. The American diplomats who had hastily fled from Paris with the French formerly had only summer clothes, but sent home for formal dress and top hats.

Chief of Protocol Loize escorted Leahy from the embassy. General Lauro, who recently returned from a German prison camp from which he was liberated to join Petain as chief of staff, met Leahy at the coast and led him to Petain.

The marshal affectionately greeted Leahy and recalled their previous meeting at Yorktown, when Petain represented France in the 150th anniversary of Cornwallis' surrender.

NO SPEECHES

There was no customary exchange of speeches. Instead, Leahy expressed pleasure in being able to present the letters, and Petain accepted them with only few comments.

The troops again saluted as Leahy left through the park to enter his car at the rates.

For the second time within a week, Le Temps devoted its officially inspired first column editorial to Leahy's arrival and reception and took occasion to emphasize France's neutrality in the war between Britain and the Axis.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

Said the editorial: "President Roosevelt's personal message to Marshal Petain, which Ambassador Leahy is delivering, brings assurance of material aid for our children and our invalids. Nothing could touch us deeper in our distress because we see that our friends across the Atlantic understand our distress which is so terribly aggravated by the exceptionally hard winter and by the blockade which affects us first of all even though we have already laid down our arms and play absolutely no part in the continuance of the war."

"Such an unusual situation is so contrary to any notion of rights and elementary sentiments of humanity that no one who has a spirit of justice can remain indifferent. Impartial history will be all the more severe for those who systematically aggravated the dis-

treess of a great conquered people and inflicted on the nation privations after the horrors of war and threaten to ruin the health of a whole generation.

NO JUSTIFICATION

"There is no possible political or military justification for the blockade of unoccupied France and its overseas empire. Every possible guarantee has been offered that nothing will reach the occupying power for its rehabilitation.

"This blockade of unhappy victims by its former allies is so unjust and such useless cruelty that the French people won't forget it soon. The Petain government policies are characterized by extreme loyalty with which France fulfills conscientiously the terms of the armistice convention. It is that policy which justified the aid we are promised soon by those friends all over the world who have remained faithful."

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Credits 4 months' sightOn Shanghai:—
On demand 420On Singapore:—
On demand 53 3/4On Japan:—
On demand 103 1/2On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2
and demand 182 1/2On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/4On Batavia:—
On demand 44On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nomin.
Credits 4 months' sight Nomin.On Saigon:—
On demand 102On Manila:—
On demand 47On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.

Bar Silver per oz 23 3/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Jan. 30.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/4 for Ready and 23 3/16 for Forward American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Steady

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 January/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was arranged early in the morning at 23 15/16 for Spot. The market closed with sellers at 23 15/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 437. Business was arranged at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 441 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Easter. Sterling opened with sellers at 325/64 for Spot. Last advices indicated sellers at 325/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars were opened with sellers at 57/16 and closed with sellers at 513/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon and no business was reported.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 January/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 15/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

442.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 325/64 and U.S. Dollars at 513/32. both sellers for Spot.

Sterling

Sellers

Opening

London 0/3-5/16

New York 5-1/4

Japan 22-1/4

India 18-3/8

Paris nominal

Hongkong 22

Sterling

Sellers

Opening

Spot 0/3-27/84 0/3-25/84

Jan. 0/3-27/84 0/3-25/84

Feb. 0/3-25/84 0/3-23/84

U. S. Dollars

Spot \$5-7/16 \$5-13/32

Jan. 5-7/16 5-13/32

Feb. 5-3/8 5-3/8

Market: Quiet

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 22-3/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 29 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan. 81-1/4

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 29 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.41	10.31	10.32	10.31	.08 off
New York Rubber, March	19.65	19.50	19.45	19.61b	.16 up
Chicago Wheat, May	834	824	84	824	.14 off
Chicago Corn, May	624	614	624	614	.11 off
New York Hides, March	12.75	12.65	12.85	12.66	.19 off
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change	
March	10.39/39	10.38/38	10.31/31	.08 off	
May	19.39/40	19.38/39	19.33/34	.06 off	
July	10.27/28	10.27/27	10.20/20	.07 off	
October	9.79/79	9.79/79	9.68/68	.11 off	
December	9.74 N	9.74b/78a	9.84/84	.10 off	
January (1942)	9.69 N	9.72/72	9.61/61	.08 off	
Spot	10.88		10.80	.08 off	
Total sales Tuesday:—48,500 bales.					
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.					

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
March	19.45/45	19.50b/80a	19.61b/64a	.16 up	
May	19.37/37	19.39/39	19.50/50	.13 up	
July (New contract)	19.26b	19.30/30	19.40 N	.14 up	
September () 19.20b/23a	19.30 A	19.30 N	.10 up		
Total sales:—410 tons.					

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
May	84/84	833/834	823/823	1 1/2 off	
July	781/781	781/774	771/774	1 off	
September	781/781	—	771/774	1 1/2 off	

Tuesday's sales:—8,250,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
May	624/624	624/624	613/614	1 1/2 off	
July	63/63	624/624	624/624	1 1/2 off	
September	624/624	—	624/624	1 1/2 off	

TOTAL SALES:—65 contracts.

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
March	12.85/85	12.75/75	12.86/86	.19 off	
June	12.54/55	12.45/45	12.40/42	.14 off	

Total sales for the day:—65 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
March	5.00/OC	4.99/99	4.98 N	.02 off	
May	5.06 N	5.04b/08a	5.06 N	unch.	

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3:

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
March	2.02b/03a	—	1.99b/2.00a	.03 off	
May	2.07b/03a	—	2.04b/05a	.03 off	

Volume of business done:—111 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4:

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
March	.74b/.75a	.73b/.76a	.73b/.74a	.10 off	
May	.78b/.781a	.781b	.761b/.771a	.014 off	

Volume of business done:—42 lots.

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British Ship Pirated

That the whole crew, including the British master, Capt. R. Parcoun, and Chief Officer, Mr. Taylor, were forced to stand with their hands above their heads, while the ship was looted was the story told by the crew of the British coastal steamer Talpat (No. 81) which was held-up by armed Chinese pirates from a trawler in Hainan Straits on Jan. 27.

The vessel, which is owned by the Sindhi Steamship Co., returned to the Colony yesterday after having been refused to discharge her cargo of flour and oil at Hankow by the Japanese.

15 ARMED MEN

According to the crew, the ship was boarded by 15 men armed with rifles and revolvers, dressed in khaki uniforms, and came from a motor trawler.

The pirates smashed in cabin doors and took away the crew's money and the ship's blankets.

After the looting a Japanese trawler appeared on the scene and ordered the vessel to weigh anchor. The ship arrived back in port with her cargo intact.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 64 and the minimum 58 compared with 70 and 64 on Wednesday.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 3.78 inches against an average of 1.10. The Royal Observatory report states:

A strong anticyclone covers China, pressure being highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley. The depression has deepened considerably: it is situated to the southeast of Hokkaido, moving north-eastward.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Jan. 30.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.21 ins.

Temperature, 59 F.

Humidity, 85 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3

Temperature: Maximum yesterday 70 F.

Temperature: minimum last night 58 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 12 noon today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 3.78 ins.

Against an average of 1.10 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.11 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.03 a.m.

4 p.m. Jan. 30.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.17 ins.

Temperature, 60 F.

Humidity, 78 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2

Maximum temperature, 64 F.

Minimum temperature, 58 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 31 Jan. to 6 Feb. 1941.

Day Week Days Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER		Height
	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	
Fri. 31	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	1.3
	19.38	5.0	05.48	3.1	
	23.42	6.2	17.23	1.6	
Sat. 1	—	—	(6.81)	3.2	
	13.07	5.0	18.07	3.2	
Mon. 3	00.05	6.6	06.51	3.5	
	13.27	5.1	18.57	2.5	
Tues. 4	00.57	5.1	07.21	3.6	
	14.06	5.1	20.06	2.8	
	01.08	4.6	07.47	3.6	
	14.48	5.2	1.9	3.2	
Wed. 5	01.57	4.0	08.14	3.2	
	15.52	5.5	23.42	3.2	
Thur. 6	04.17	3.8	04.44	3.4	
	16.30	6.4	—		

Violations Of U.S. Act By Shipping Companies In Philippines Alleged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The U. S. Maritime Commission should enter cease-and-desist orders against specified steamer lines and shippers in U.S.-Philippine freight traffic charged with giving or obtaining transportation at less than regular rates by means of false billing, C. O. Arthur, examiner, proposed in a report to the commission released last night.

The report said such practice was a violation of section 16 of the shipping act of 1916. The report affected chiefly cotton, rayon and textiles exporters.

NO EVIDENCE

The investigation started on Aug. 13, 1940. The examiner's report concluded that no evidence was found of violation of sections 15 and 17 of the shipping act, but violations were found of section 16 by respondent carriers, namely, the American President Lines, Barber Steamship Company, Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Company, Isthmian Steamship Company and the United States Lines Company.

Also reported was the violation of section 16 of the shipping act through willful acceptance or less than regular rates by respondent shipper L. R. Aguinaldo and Company and E. Awad and Sons; Abe Cohen; Federated Trading Corporation; and A. Gindorff and Company; Kummer, Comins and Company; Smith, Kirkpatrick and Company; Stronghold Fastener Company and United States Export Products Company.

FAKE BILLINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Federal Examiner C. D. Arthur told the Maritime Commission today that seven steamship companies have permitted certain shippers to obtain less than the regular tariff rates by false billings on textile shipments from the United States to the Philippines.

DANGEROUS AREA

An area dangerous to navigation exists within a radius of half a mile from a position approximately at Lat. 22 deg. 09' N. long. 114 deg. 17' E., according to a Harbour Office notification.

DEPARTURES FROM COLONY

Departures for Manila by the s.s. Suwa Maru which left on Wednesday were Mr. Vicente Espina, Mr. Vicente Espina Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. A. Larson. Passengers for Sydney by the same vessel were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Johnson and Mr. J. H. R. Paulin.

HARUNA MARU

Passengers for Bombay by the s.s. Haruna Maru which left on Wednesday were Mr. G. Bhojraj, Mr. P. J. Billimoria, Mr. R. Chandiram, Mr. M. G. Chotranl, Mr. S. R. Gachet, Mr. K. H. Mirwani, Mr. N. M. Sebnani and Mr. N. Wadhuan. Passengers by the same vessel for Colombo were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Isack.

MARINERS WARNED

A junk adrift in a position at approximately 22 deg. 43' N. long. 115 deg. 54' E. about 3 p.m. on Wednesday has been reported by the master of the s.s. "Tai Pat 8."

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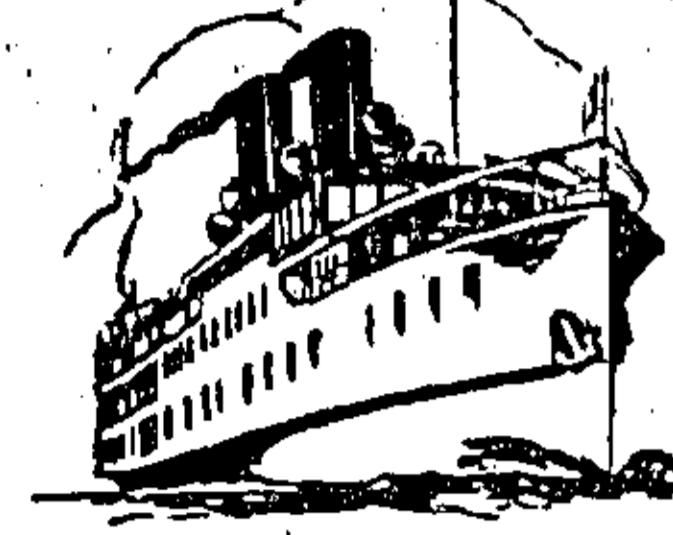
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German Troops In Genoa

A report from Madrid, quoted in a message from Sydney yesterday, stated that German troops have now entered Genoa and that they have been specially charged to keep down the Italian people.

The Italians are incensed over this, states the report, and as soon as disorders are quelled in one town, they spring up again in others.

The Rome Radio announced yesterday that it was preparing a broadcast in twenty-seven languages to tell the world the truth about the British people, but it made no reference to the German garrisons in Italy.

THE MASS HYSTERIA OF THE GERMAN RACE

The idea of fascism, whether of the German or Italian variety, was to crush individual opinion and to mould everyone into one pattern and the Germans, who individually appeared to be unemotional, were of all nations most subject to mass hysteria, said Major Lewis Hastings, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

"I saw a good deal of this in Germany," declared Major Hastings. "About four years ago, I was in Berlin and was asked by a friend to go to a 'Strength Through Joy' demonstration in one of the largest halls.

NOT MUCH JOY

"Under the Nazi regime, all business organisations are compelled to take part, from the managing director to the office boy.

I went there and mixed with a crowd of 2,000 people in a vast hall smothered with Nazi flags. There was not much joy about. We had to listen to three separate speeches—harsh, threatening and a repetition of phrases borrowed from Herr Hitler. Each speech was greeted with the shout 'Seig Heil.'

"I looked at the audience—rows and rows of round faces and flat, faces of all types—all gazing rigidly to their front with their eyes glued on the speaker. And just when I thought it was all over, the band crashed out and like one man the audience sang 'Deutschland Uber Alles' and other songs with arms outstretched.

"They were just a mass of marionettes," declared Major Hastings. "What a spectacle! All those people thinking they were the chosen race by destiny. Once

I watched some African tribes all worked up by their devil doctor, but those tribesmen had nothing on the Nazis. Imagine ourselves becoming slaves to this type! Can you imagine us standing to attention for Government broadcasts and regimenting our children to the state?"

PROFESSIONAL LIARS

"How does this come about?" asked Major Hastings. "For the first time scientific invention had put a weapon into the hands of unscrupulous men and this dangerous weapon is the offensive of the air. I do not mean bombing raids—I mean the press and radio.

Major Hastings went on to speak of the work done by what he described as "the professional liars of Germany who went before the microphone daily and quoted an extract from a recent speech by the Nazi Press Chief: 'National Socialism does not mean tyranny. It liberates men and teaches each nation to lead its own life."

"What do you think of that?" asked Major Hastings. "It is funny, but tragic in that eighty-million people can be made to receive these falsehoods without hating an eyelid."

LIFE IN BRITAIN

Referring to life in Britain and the British Empire, Major Hastings said that the Germans had seen the British dominions claim and receive independence; they had seen Britain divest herself of central authority and they wondered at the growth of British social conscience and the distrust of exploitation. They saw in this that the Anglo-Saxon world was something different to theirs.

"It is only in England that you find this real democratic spirit," said Major Hastings, who then gave an instance of the spirit of calm-

BRITISH CHINA SQUADRON OF HURRICANE FIGHTERS

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuters)—The "British China Squadron" of R.A.F. Hurricane fighters is being formed as a result of a contribution of £102,000 from British communities in China, writes Reuter's Air correspondent quoting an announcement by the Ministry for Aircraft Production.

After it has been ascertained what emblem the community requires the squadron to carry and whether it wishes each plane to be named after some prominent personality or place, the procedure is for the Air Ministry to name the new or existing squadron in appropriate detail.

Pilots who hail from British communities in China or are closely connected with them may be posted to the squadron if they desire in order to further cement the bond of British communities in China with their own air fighting unit.

This latest squadron to arise as a result of the phenomenal outpourings of money from British communities abroad for new R.A.F. warplanes, individually and in squadrons, in eight months since June last.

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wrecked planes and the twisted girders of two workshops were all that remained in Bomba after the last raid by the R.A.F.

GENERAL SURRENDERS

According to a Saigon message, an Italian general was reported to have surrendered personally to the British forces, when a bayonet charge was made in the fighting in Eritrea. On this front 1,200 prisoners have been captured.

The message added that neither the identity of the general nor the size of his command was disclosed.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

from 1st February 1941.	5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
Places in the Colony	5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
British possessions, protectorates and mandated territories	20 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.
China, and Macao	8 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
All countries not specified above.	30 cents for the first ounce and 15 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Straits and Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	31st Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	31st Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th January	31st Jan.
Canton	3rd Feb.
Java and Manilla	5th Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th January	8th Feb.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January)	12th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	14th Feb.
Australia and Manilla	16th Feb.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th January)	18th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	18th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
FRI. 31st	
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Formosa and Dairen	3.30 PM
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Manila and Parcels only for United-Kingdom	
Macassar and Sourabaya	
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Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	
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